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The History's In The Making

Perhaps because of Washington College's tie to an American patriarch, "history" is a word you hear quite often around campus lately. Yes, it's true that some of us spend a great deal of time in meetings hashing out exactly what George Washington's legacy means to this institution. As the 200th anniversary of his death (in 1999) approaches, a committee searches for meaningful ways to commemorate his continuing life at the college he helped found 216 years ago. Planning sessions that spring up with increasing frequency as we prepare to launch a capital campaign usually wend their way around to "the George connection." What does it really mean and how do we profit by it? What is our connection to our lofty history?

I like Ed Geisweidt's take on Washington College history. In his remarks at the 216th Commencement ceremony (see page 40), he reminded his classmates "you are as vital to this institution's history as it is to your own personal histories." George Washington's connection to "the College at Chester" began as a personal history. He bought into the educational mission of the place as pitched to him by his friend the Rev. William Smith—to the tune of 50 guineas. He was invited to campus. The students put on a play and he received an honorary degree. In that intersection of his life and this institution, history was made.

Washington College's history is a large and colorful tapestry of personal histories. Woven through this issue of the *WCM* are some wonderful recent additions: former *Washington Post* editor Ben Bradlee's address to the Class of '98 on the importance of truth; past President Chuck Trout's fascinating account of his experiences living and teaching in a small Kenyan village; members of the WC community's nostalgic tales of the original Volkswagen Beetle and the role it played in their youths; and the mysterious project of archaeology professor John Seidel who is literally mining our connections to Kent County's past as he searches for the lost village of New Yarmouth.

But when we reflect on the "historic" stories that are recorded here and those that will live on in the Miller Library archives, we should never overlook the "history" of the day-to-day occurrence. As proud as we are of our connection to George Washington and to the illustrious honorees who have followed his path to that Commencement dais, we also should honor the memory of the folks that trod what might seem like less hallowed ground between the Fine Arts parking lot and the dining hall, the Bill Smith classroom and the Ferguson offices, Dunning Hall and Kibler Field—those whose lives have been spent, in large part, making this place happen.

The passing of one such person has been briefly noted in this issue: Betty Anne Connolley (see page 7) spent 40 years of her life on this campus, dedicated to the service of an institution that she believed in with all her heart. Though she was made an honorary alumna last December, most of her days were spent unceremoniously in the mail room where she inspired us unfailingly with her bouyancy, her optimism and her selfless devotion to doing a task well. Whenever we talk about the lofty history of Washington College, we are really talking about Betty Anne and the many others whose personal histories brought them to this very special crossroad in Chestertown, Maryland. I hope we will not overlook what each of us has meant to this place—and what it has meant to us—when we chronicle and celebrate Washington College's long, impressive life.

—MDH

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ABOUT THE COVER: After nearly identical sudden death overtime losses to Nazareth College in the previous two championship games, the Shoremen defeat Nazareth 16-10 in their third match-up and win the Division III lacrosse title. On the cover, junior attackman Brian King holds the trophy aloft. Photo by Karl Ferron, The Baltimore *Sun*.

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National Champions At Last! WC Beats Nazareth For NCAA D-III Title

PHOTO TRISHA McGEE '81

The "Boys of May" came home as champions, with the trophy to prove it. The team celebrates their 16-10 triumph over defending champ Nazareth College with grins and cheers all around.

AFTER 21 attempts in 26 years to bring home the national crown only to console themselves with second or third place honors each time, the Washington College men's lacrosse team are bridesmaids no more. In a rematch against two-time national champion Nazareth College at Rutgers University Stadium on May 24th, the Shoremen handed the Golden Flyers a sound defeat, 16-10. There was no sudden death overtime this year, their third face-off for the championship against Nazareth in as many years.

PHOTO GEOFF ANDERSON '72

As the final horn blows, John Haus is unrestrained in his delight at winning his first national crown as Head Coach.

"It was a great day for Washington College and Washington College lacrosse, Coach John Haus, his coaching staff and the team," remarked Bryan Matthews '75, the College's Athletic Director and a member of the first lacrosse team that vied for an NCAA championship in 1972. "But it also was a great day for everyone who's ever been involved in Washington College lacrosse, and that goes back a long way and includes a lot of people. This win affects all those people who have tried before. We all felt great joy in winning the big one."

It was an especially sweet win, considering that the Shoremen were vying with Nazareth for the title for the third consecutive year. Both previous games were lost by one goal in sudden death overtime. In the history of Washington College lacrosse, 13 attempts have been made at the championship title.

"It's something I've waited for all my life," said senior Andy Taibl, who defended Washington's goal. "I came to Washington College knowing I'd be in a game with a chance to do this. I'm happy for this program, the faculty, teachers and coaches. They've been waiting for this a long time."

The Shoremen, who finished the season at 14-4 overall, survived a scare by Nazareth in the third quarter, when the Golden Flyers erased a 6-4 halftime deficit to go ahead 9-8 with 7:00 remaining in the period. From that point, Washington used an eight-goal scoring run to shut down Nazareth and win the school's first NCAA Division III tournament title in men's lacrosse.

"This was a veteran group that took a little longer to come together as a team, but they played the last four games like true champions," said Head Coach John Haus. "After our face-off man, Greg Tomasso, was hurt, Nazareth scored on three fast breaks and we had to regroup a bit. The most important thing was that our

guys had a lot of composure and were very committed to getting the job done."

Senior attackman Andy Lopatin, who was named Outstanding Player of the game, got things started for Washington. He scored the first three goals and scored again with 3:03 remaining in the third quarter to put the Shoremen ahead 10-9—a lead they would not surrender. Sophomore midfielder Jamie Pollock kept the offense clicking with five assists and one goal.

In a low-scoring second period, junior midfielder Chris Bieberbach scored the Shoremen's only goal of the quarter, with senior goalkeeper Andy Taibl picking up a rare assist on the play—the first and only assist of his career.

The Golden Flyers took control in the third quarter, outscoring Washington 4-1 in the first 5:17 to take an 8-7 lead. Washington junior midfielder Bill Grothmann tied things up at eight goals apiece, but Nazareth pulled ahead again.

From that point, however, the day belonged to the Shoremen. Freshman midfielder Tyler Gilbert knotted the contest at 9-9 with an unassisted goal, and Lopatin scored off an assist by senior attackman Michael Wilson. Ahead 11-9 after three straight goals to close out the third period, the Shoremen continued the surge in the fourth, scoring five more times to put the game away. The combination of Pollock to junior midfielder Justin McCarthy was successful twice, and John Fuller and Gilbert each scored once. A solo goal by McCarthy put the icing on the cake with 2:55 remaining. Nazareth scored 49 seconds later, but they had no chance of a comeback.

Washington outshot the Golden Flyers 48-33 and had a 59-50 ground ball advantage, led by junior defenseman Jeremy Stoehr, who scooped up eight. The Shoremen won 16 face-offs, compared to 13 by Nazareth. Senior midfielder Greg Tomasso won 7 of 10 before going down with a game-ending injury, while junior midfielder J.D. Radebaugh, playing in his first game since suffering an injury in March, was 9 for 16.

In goal, Washington's Taibl made 13 stops—his fifth game in a row with double-figure saves. Nazareth sophomore Jake Coon, who stopped 15 shots by the Shoremen, set an NCAA Division III Tournament record with 73 saves in three games, breaking the old mark of 66, set in 1990 by Washington College's Dave Slomkowski '91.

Washington's road to the championship began with two long trips to southern Virginia for the opening rounds. The Shoremen defeated Roanoke, 11-7, in the first round, and then handed Hampden-Sydney their second loss of the season, 13-9, in the quarterfinals. In what traditionally has been billed as "The War on the Shore," the Shoremen edged out archrival Salisbury State University, 12-10. It was also Salisbury's second loss of the year —both Salisbury and Hampden-Sydney had lost to NCAA semifinalist Ohio Wesleyan.

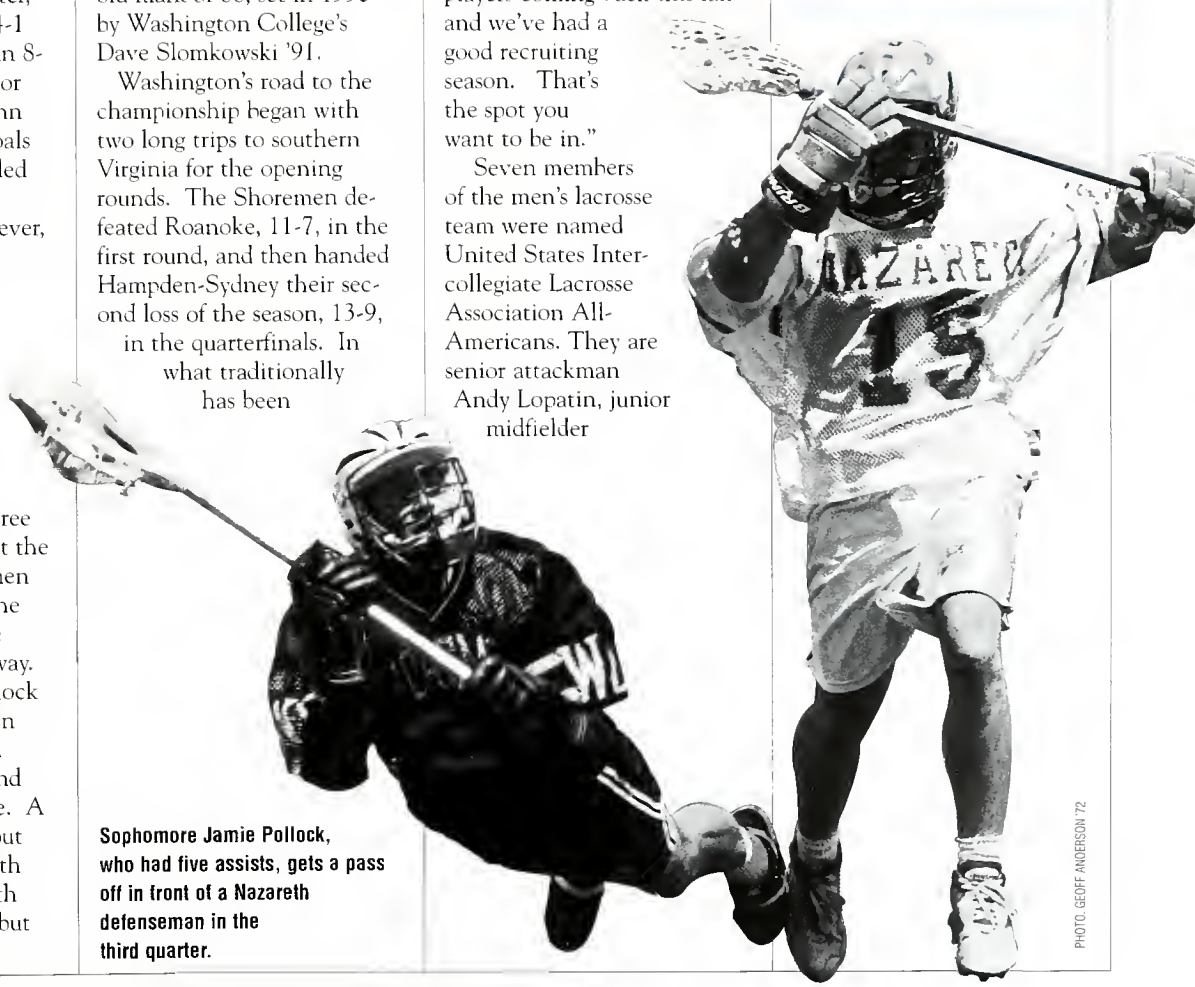
This year's championship victory is only the second national title the College has ever won in men's lacrosse. The 1954 lacrosse team, playing under the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, won the first national title in the Laurie Cox Division. That team, ranked fifth among all college lacrosse teams, set the standard for WC's excellence in lacrosse that has remained to this day.

"Now we get to defend a national championship next year," remarked Coach Haus. "We've got a good nucleus of players coming back this fall and we've had a good recruiting season. That's the spot you want to be in."

Seven members of the men's lacrosse team were named United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association All-Americans. They are senior attackman Andy Lopatin, junior midfielder Justin McCarthy, junior defender Scott McGilvray, junior attackman John Fuller, senior defender Chris McGlone, senior goalkeeper Andy Taibl, and junior midfielder Jeremy Stoehr.

The NCAA championship in lacrosse is the third national Division III team title won by Washington College athletes in recent years. In 1994 and again in 1997 the men's tennis team took top honors nationally in winning the Division III championship.

NCAA Division III Lacrosse Champion t-shirts are available from the Washington College Bookstore, for $15.95 plus $4.00 shipping and handling. To order, call 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7749.



Sophomore Jamie Pollock, who had five assists, gets a pass off in front of a Nazareth defenseman in the third quarter.

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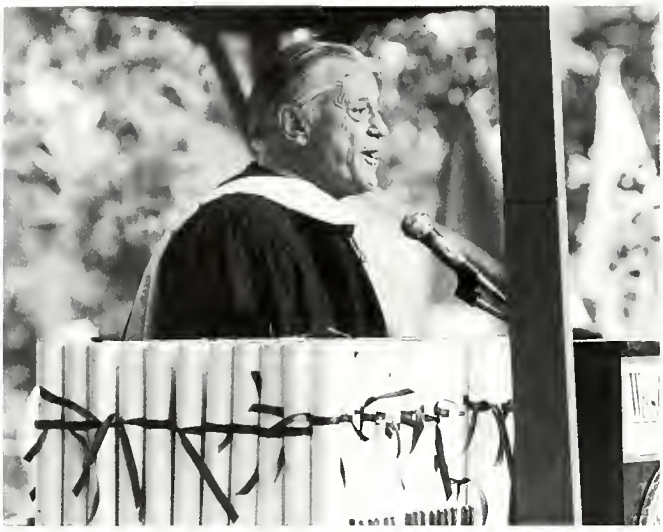

PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

In his keynote address, former Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee outlines lies told by American leaders, and urges seniors to embrace the truth.

Bradlee Makes A Case For The Truth At 216th Commencement

BEN BRADLEE made a career out of exposing liars, so his message to Washington College graduates at Commencement was hardly surprising: Tell the truth.

"Commitment to truth can be the most exciting and rewarding experience because it means all your decisions will be grounded in reality," the former *Washington Post* executive editor said before receiving an honorary Doctor of Letters degree at the College's 216th commencement exercises in May.

His speech on a sun-soaked Sunday morning before 240 graduates awaiting bachelor and master's degrees was a self-described "pitch" for truthfulness, and an exploration of the many lies he's seen told by national leaders.

With Bradlee at the helm, *The Post* published the Pentagon Papers and revealed a government lying about its chances in Vietnam. It broke Watergate, and revealed an administration concealing political espionage. It investigated campaign financing and uncovered deceptions politicians are still scrambling to explain.

"There are so many lies on Page One, I feel compelled *not* to believe the first version of what we are told," Bradlee said. "I'm not proud of that, but it is true. I urge you all to be curious, but skeptical."

These were cautionary words on an otherwise hopeful day as some 200 undergraduates flipped their tassels and said goodbye to college. Ed Geisweidt, an English major who would win the Sophie Kerr Prize later in the ceremony, offered his classmates some advice.

"The only very corny suggestion I can come up with is: Remember your four years here," he said. "Place your memories in an historic trust. They are truly treasures to this college."

His speech ended with sustained applause from classmates, parents and the hundreds of spectators (along with about a dozen dogs — all leashed) gathered on the College's sprawling front lawn for the annual gathering.

Two alumni were honored during Commencement for professional achievement.

"His chosen field of chemistry is the sizzling science of igniting chemical compounds," was how Alumni Association President Glen Beebe '81 introduced Dr. John A. Conkling '65 before presenting him with the Alumni Citation for Excellence in Pyrotechnic and Explosive Chemistry.

Conkling is one of the nation's leading experts on fireworks and serves as executive director of the American Pyrotechnical Association. An adjunct professor of chemistry at Washington College, he has created fireworks displays for the likes of Disney's Magic Kingdom and also refined the chemical reactions in road flares and air bags.

For Conkling, pyrotechnics are not "fun and games, but serious rocket science," Beebe said. "Washington College is proud to recognize Dr. John Conkling's *stellar* contributions to the field, his *sparkling* teaching methods and the boundless *energies* he devotes to his alma mater."

Agnes Zaffere Orban '41 received the Alumni Citation for Excellence in Teaching, a testament to her 25-plus years of guiding students through the precision and wonder of mathematics.

"Her job was challenging, but she would argue it was exciting," Beebe said of Orban. "She was not particularly well-paid, but she would say she was amply rewarded."

Orban began teaching mathematics at secondary schools during World War II, a time when female math teachers were rare. She didn't care, and went on to become one of the Eastern Shore of Maryland's most revered teachers. Now retired, Orban still tutors gifted math and science students in Talbot County.

The ceremony ended with some parting comments from President John S. Toll to the Class of '98.

"Graduates: You thought you were leaving Washington College, but you are not. I do not mean one more exam or 50-minute lecture. No, I mean that, wherever you go, you remain the most important part of Washington College. As alumni you represent Washington College in all you do.

"Please support its future progress in every way you can."

High Achievers Take Senior Prizes

AFTER ALL THE speeches and the handing out of diplomas, the commencement ceremony culminated with the announcement of top prizes awarded to top students. Eight of the nine winners were members of the Alpha Psi Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honor society recognizing scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

Allison Tuttle, a double major in biology and psychology with a minor in Spanish, took Washington College's highest scholastic honor. The premedical student won the George Washington Medal and Award, given to the senior who shows the greatest promise of understanding and realizing in life and work the ideals of

a liberal education. Tuttle, who was graduated *magna cum laude*, will attend North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in the fall.

Edward Geisweidt, an English major and Odyssey of the Mind team member, won the $35,000 Sophie Kerr Prize for his scholarly thesis on William Shakespeare. The Prize recognizes one student's literary promise and is among the largest literary awards in the world. Geisweidt's winning submission was a 136-page critical analysis of theatrical courts in three of Shakespeare's plays. "He broke new ground with this thesis," said Professor Richard Gillin, chair of the English Department and of the Sophie Kerr Committee that selected Geisweidt's text from a pool of 14 applicants. "He engaged the major critics, yet he developed and sustained a unique point of view which he defended brilliantly."

Bradd Gregory Burkhart, a biology major, captain of the men's basketball team and secretary of Theta Chi fraternity, was awarded the Clark-Porter Medal, given to the student whose character and personal integrity have most clearly enhanced the quality of campus life. This award is given by Charles B. Clark '34 in memory of Harry B. Porter '05. Burkhart, who was also recently awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, will attend the University of Maryland School of Medicine to specialize in orthopedic surgery.

The Henry W. C. Catlin 1894 Medal, awarded to a senior man outstanding in scholarship, character, leadership, and campus citizenship, went to Carl-Johan O. Nordberg, the first honors graduate with the highest grade point average among the Class of 1998. He also took departmental prizes in both his majors, international studies and economics, and was given the Alfred Reddish Award for having the highest cumulative average of any senior male athlete. Nordberg, a member of the 1997 NCAA Division III Champion Tennis Team, spent the summer of 1997 in Hong Kong on a Junior Fellows-financed research project analyzing the handover of sovereignty from the British to the Chinese. He was a Washington College delegate to the Harvard Model United Nations, and a member of Sigma Beta Delta, the national honor society in business administration. Nordberg, whose family lives in Switzerland, has accepted a position with the Baltimore firm of Legg Mason in their corporate finance division.

Natalie Diane Smith, the ODK Mid-Atlantic Province Leader of the Year who graduated *magna cum laude* with departmental honors in sociology, and Abbie Maria Robbins, a *summa cum laude* graduate with departmental honors in both American studies and Hispanic studies, were awarded the Eugene B. Casey Medal in recognition of their outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and campus citizenship.

Robbins also was awarded the Henry Salloch Prize, given to the student whose achievement and personal commitment have contributed to the understanding of other cultures.

Smith also was awarded one of two Gold Pentagon Awards for meritorious service to Washington College, as well as the Margaret Horsley Award for demonstrating the clearest understanding of human social behavior. She served as director of the Campus Climate Committee and did her sociology field work in the area of teenaged pregnancy prevention and building self-esteem in young girls. She was editor of the *Washington College Review*. Smith will begin her master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago this fall.

Bridget Maloney, a *summa cum laude* graduate with departmental honors in political science, was presented with the Louis L. Goldstein '35 Award, given to a graduating senior who has demonstrated unusual interest, enthusiasm, and potential in the field of public affairs. She also was awarded the Political Science Award for demonstrating a superior theoretical and practical understanding of political life. A former intern with the Maryland General Assembly, she will begin her studies at Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, IN, in the fall.

Ryan Glen McAllister, a double major in physics and mathematics, was awarded the Jane Huston Goodfellow Memorial Prize. The prize is awarded to a graduating senior majoring in science who has an abiding appreciation of the arts and humanities and who has shown scholastic excellence. He was graduated *summa cum laude* with departmental honors in mathematics, and was the recipient of the Math Prize as well as the AAUP Prize, given by the Washington College chapter of the American Association of University Professors for his outstanding promise as a teacher, scholar and colleague. McAllister was a member of the Writers Union, participated in the Early Music Consort, and volunteered at the local humane society. He will pursue his Ph.D. in physics at the University of Maryland at College Park.

PHOTO GIBSON ANTHONY

Eva Kaplan-Leiserson (left) and Abbie Robbins (right) congratulate Ed Geisweidt as he hears his name announced as the winner of this year's Sophie Kerr Prize.

Tai Sung An, WC Professor and Scholar, Retires

AFTER 35 YEARS OF teaching and writing, Dr. Tai Sung An, the Everett E. Nuttle Professor of Political Science at Washington College, is retiring.

"For 35 years, 'Tom' An has been this institution's most respected scholar, a prolific writer, and an engaging and dedicated teacher who has helped to shape some of the finest young political scientists working today," remarked Joachim Scholz, Provost and Dean of the College.

A scholar of contemporary political affairs in Asia, Dr. An is one of the nation's leading experts on communist China, North and South Korea, Vietnam and Cambodia. The author of more than 120 articles and eight books, he holds the Washington College record for publications. His first book, *Mao Tse-Tung's Cultural Revolution*, was widely used as a university textbook. His latest tome, a comprehensive history and analysis of the Vietnam War, represents 15 years of labor and will be published this fall. His newest book project—one he hopes to complete next year—focuses on North Korea's ruler Kim Chong-il.

Dr. An was the first chair of the Department of Political Science and International Studies.

At a reception for Dr. An, Professor John Taylor, chair of the political science department, shared testimonials from several of Dr. An's former students. They remembered his diligence in helping them become effective communicators, as well as his humor and wit.

During his teaching career he received both distinguished teaching awards—the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1971 and the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award in 1990. At this year's graduation ceremonies, Dr. An received the Gold Pentagon Award for meritorious service to Washington College.

At Dr. An's retirement party, Professor Daniel Premo gently ribbed his long-time political science colleague, recalling his first interview with the formidable Dr. An, and his reluctance to meet with the department chair in his office, where Premo would sink into the soft cushions of Dr. An's couch. Premo said he preferred to take his meetings with Tom An face-to-face, and soon got in the habit of meeting him with departmental business outside of William Smith Hall's Room 13, where Dr. An greeted students each Tuesday and Thursday morning. "When William Smith Hall is renovated, I plan to get a plaque for the doorway of Room 13 that reads: 'Tom An stood here for 35 years.'"

A native of Seoul, South Korea, An received his B.A. from Indiana University (1956), his M.A. from Yale University (1957), and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania (1963). Dr. An came to Washington College in 1963 as assistant professor of political science. "I intended to stay just one year," Dr. An remarked. "I wanted to live in the big city. But I fell in love with Washington College and decided to stay."

He eventually married, bringing his young Korean wife to live in Chestertown. Sihn Ja quickly learned English and acclimated to small- town living. Today she is a noted watercolor artist. The couple has two daughters—Jenny, who graduated from Washington College two years ago, and Grace, a first-year Ph.D. student in French literature at Cornell University.

Dr. An remarked that being a scholar was very difficult, because it took so much time away from his family. But he was compelled to write. His meticulously researched and carefully written works have brought great distinction to Washington College, as have his teaching methods, noted Scholz. The Elliott School of International Affairs, one of the best graduate schools in the country, recently applauded Dr. An for so thoroughly preparing its best applicants.

"He represents what we, as educators, all strive to be—teachers and scholars passionate about our fields, dedicated to our students, and committed to shaping future generations of students to think clearly and to communicate effectively," Scholz said.

Dr. An will keep an office at Washington College for one year so he can finish his book on North Korea, and he intends to do some gardening as well.

PHOTO GIBSON ANTHONY

College President John Toll presents long-time professor of political science Dr. Tai Sung An with the Gold Pentagon Award for meritorious service. His students remember him as one of their toughest, and best, professors.

Alumna Wins Poetry Prize

TARIN TOWERS '94, a freelance technical writer and a published poet living in San Francisco, has won a Pushcart Prize for her "Mission Poem."

Her winning entry first appeared on a broadside published by 9x9 Industries, a poetry collective that does alternative publishing and sponsors a reading series. "Mission Poem" will appear in Volume XXIII of *The Pushcart Prize Anthology* in October.

"The Pushcart Prize recognizes the poet and the small press that published it, and as a winning poet I am appointed to the editorial board so I get to nominate someone next year," explains Towers. "The best part of winning is that it sounds really impressive—it's a credential to include in my let-

Cortney Clulow's exhibit featured works in oil, silk screen, sculpture, pastels, photography and even poetry.

PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

ters to publishers. It's one thing when my friends like my poetry. It's another thing to get official recognition from people you don't know."

Towers may be getting lots of recognition soon. She has a collection of poems and short stories, tentatively titled *Sorry We're Close*, coming out this fall from Manic De Press. Her poetry, she says, deals with human relationships that are "not necessarily romantic." She also has started writing fiction again because she writes so much prose during the day as a technical writer for computer software guidebooks.

Her technical writing is earning accolades as well. After two years of contributing chapters to more than a dozen books, *Dream Weaver Visual QuickStart Guide* from Peach Pit Press is her first solo venture. The book that explores the Dream Weaver software—an html editor and Java scriptor—just hit the top of the Ingram Distributor List.

"Technical writing has actually affected my poetry in a positive way because these guidebooks have to be so clear and concise," says Towers.

Surrealist "Hope" Lands Top Art Prize

SENIOR Cortney J. Clulow is this year's winner of the Nielsen Art Award for an oil painting featured in the annual student art exhibit at Washington College.

Clulow's art exhibit almost fills an entire room in the Constance Stuart Larrabee Arts Center, and leaves few media untouched. The entry singled out for the Nielsen Award is titled "Hope," a surrealist oil portrait of a young woman.

Clulow, of Pasadena, MD, is a double major in art and humanities.

The selection committee also awarded an Honorable Mention to sophomore Megan Wolff, of Reistertown, MD, for her work in pastels.

The Nielsen Award is given by the Washington College Friends of the Arts to the best entry in the student art exhibit. A panel of outside artists selects the winner.

College Establishes Creative Writing Minor

ENDEAVORING TO weave Washington College's renowned writing tradition directly into the school's curriculum, the faculty this spring unanimously approved a new creative writing minor.

The minor combines existing courses with some new ones, including a Living Writers course created by O'Neill Literary House Director Robert Mooney. The Living Writers class asks students to study a number of contemporary writers, then brings the authors to campus to discuss their work.

Next semester the class will feature readings by Sharon Olds and Ruth Stone with plans for additional campus visits by Bobbie Ann Mason, Ron Hansen and Joanna Higgins now in the works.

By offering the new minor, the faculty hopes to bring into the curricular fold one of the College's greatest strengths: its thriving literary community.

"We're integrating our existing strengths into the curriculum to further enhance the impact they can have on our students," Mooney explains. "We're connecting the dots."

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Anne Connolley 1939-1998

The Washington College community mourned the loss of Betty Anne Connolley, a 40-year employee of the College and an honorary alumnus who died of cancer on March 29, 1998. She was 58.

Connolley, who was employed as mailroom supervisor at the college, was a visible presence at alumni events and varsity athletic contests. She truly believed in Washington College and considered her fellow College employees, students and alumni her extended family. She also took courses at the College and enjoyed talking with faculty members about ideas she encountered as she continued learning. In a tribute to her, Professor Sean O Connor called her "a woman of sacrifice, generosity, and patience" who cared for and respected everyone. "Patience, gentleness, helpfulness, and an ease with time were her marks."

She also was active in the Chestertown community and worked tirelessly toward making her hometown a safer, more beautiful place to live.

To honor her memory, Chestertown is developing a new park in her neighborhood of Cannon and Mill Streets. Washington College is creating an endowed scholarship in her name. Gifts may be sent to the Betty Anne Connolley Memorial Scholarship Fund, Development Office, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Shirley Phillips (left) and Thomas J. Siebert will join WC's Board of Visitors and Governors in July.

Governor To Appoint Two New WC Trustees

SHIRLEY PHILLIPS, co-owner of Phillips Seafood, and Thomas L. Siebert, a former U.S. Ambassador to Sweden, have been nominated by the Governor of Maryland for appointment to Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors for six-year terms, beginning July 1, 1998. Governor Parris N. Glendening is expected to act on the nominations by late June.

Mrs. Phillips has played an instrumental role in expanding the family seafood packing business of Ocean City, MD, into an international business empire of nine restaurants, two hotels, and processing plants in the Philippines, Indonesia, and Thailand. Phillips Packing Plant is now in its fourth generation, and a second generation of students is earning money for college at Phillips Seafood Restaurants.

Working Woman magazine in May 1998 named Mrs. Phillips among the top 500 businesswomen in America.

Mrs. Phillips has played an active role in civic affairs as well. She serves on the board of University of Maryland at College Park and the University of Maryland Hospital, actively supports Atlantic General Hospital in Ocean City, and remains on the Auxiliary Board of the Maryland Historical Society. She previously was director of Atlantic National Bank and a board member of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Maryland. Mrs. Phillips has served as a member of WC's Presidential Advisory Committee since 1996.

Prior to assuming his ambassadorial post in Stockholm in 1993, Siebert was a telecommunications attorney in Washington, DC, specializing in practice before the Federal Communications Commission in the area of new technologies. His particular areas of expertise include cellular telephone, interactive television, cable television, radio, and various common carriers.

He received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1968 and his law degree in 1972.

A resident of Annapolis, Siebert has served on the boards of St. Johns College and Catholic University, and is active with the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen Program and the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts.

Corporate Gifts To WC Top Half Million Dollars

WASHINGTON College received three substantial donations this spring from a trio of long-standing supporters.

First the Jessie Ball duPont Fund awarded the College a $150,000 grant to expand the psychology department's work in behavioral neuroscience. On the heels of that donation was a $55,000 gift from NationsBank, nearly doubling an earlier commitment from the bank to support the renovation of William Smith Hall. Chevy Chase Bank has pledged $337,500 to fund scholarships through 2004.

"We're grateful for continued support from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, NationsBank and Chevy Chase Bank. These funds will be a great help in our continuing efforts to enhance our curriculum and facilities, as well as ease some of our students' financial worries," President John S. Toll said.

The Chevy Chase Bank Scholarship Fund was established at Washington College in 1996, and each year offers four years of financial assistance to two freshmen. Its champion is B. Francis Saul II, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at Chevy Chase and a member of the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors.

"Washington College has always provided an excellent education in an intimate learning environment. Chevy Chase is proud to help more students enjoy the Washington College experience," Saul said.

"We're glad to support Washington College, and feel we are fortunate to have

IN MEMORIAM

Jeffrey T. Baynes 1978-1998

Sophomore Jeffrey T. Baynes, a psychology major and resident assistant at Washington College, died as a result of an early morning automobile accident on April 5th. He was 20.

At a memorial service held on campus, Baynes was remembered for his warmth, sense of humor, and good deeds. He volunteered to tutor local school children in the Target Tutoring program, was an active participant in the Emerging Leaders Seminar, and was a strong supporter of the rowing team. He had been selected as a Merck Scholar to do scientific research on campus this summer.

Baynes is survived by his parents, Gary T. and Linda Baynes of Baltimore, and a brother David, a student at Mount St. Mary's College. His family has endowed a scholarship fund at Washington College in his memory. Gifts may be sent to the Jeffrey T. Baynes Memorial Scholarship Fund, Development Office, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.

PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

Bonnie Blyman pitches in with daughter Jessica '01 and other student volunteers

a school of that caliber in Maryland," said John T. Detwiler, Senior Vice President of NationsBank for the Eastern Shore.

The Jessie Ball duPont grant will be used to hire a full-time pediatric clinical neuropsychologist, bring nationally visible neuroscientists to campus and support student research in behavioral neuroscience.

Washington College students and faculty have already developed national visibility in undergraduate teaching and research in behavioral neuroscience—researching dyslexia, the effects of a mother's cocaine use on her unborn child, and whether nicotine hurts driving performance.

The hope is the new funds will lead to even greater accomplishments.

"I am most excited about the immediate and direct benefits this will have for our students. With more opportunities for summer research and travel, the students can become more actively engaged in their chosen field of study," said Michael T. Kerchner, an associate professor of psychology and director of the program in behavioral neuroscience.

WC Students Give "Casey Time"

IN APRIL, STUDENTS celebrated Casey Time, a day of campus and community service in honor of the example of college benefactors Eugene B. and Betty Brown Casey '47. This is an annual event that coincides with national Earth Day. Students dispersed to work on beautification and preservation projects such as planting trees at the Eastern Neck Island Wildlife Refuge, cleaning up Tolchester beach, planting marsh grasses on the banks of the Chester River in front of Hynson-Ringgold House, and painting trash receptacles around town.

Books Boost Japan Studies

WASHINGTON College has acquired more than 3,500 Japanese books. The massive acquisition, which took 98 cardboard boxes to move, was donated to the Clifton M. Miller Library by the U.S.-Japan Culture Center in Washington, DC. The books cover a wide spectrum of topics: history, art, literature, technology and philosophy.

"We have received an extraordinary donation," Washington College Librarian William J. Tubbs said of the collection, valued at almost $54,000.

The acquisition comes at a time when Washington College is emphasizing Japanese studies. Washington College began offering instruction in Japanese language this academic year, and has established exchange programs with two Japanese universities.

"We are especially grateful to Mikio Kanda of the U.S.-Japan Culture Center for arranging this valuable gift to support our foreign students and our programs of study in Japanese language, history and culture," said President John Toll.

Senior Interns At The Walters

BARBARANNE Mocella '98, an art major with concentration in art history, landed what Professor Donald McColl terms "a plum of an internship" at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore. She spent one day each week last semester researching the Gallery's holdings of 19th century French prints.

"I am so lucky," Mocella says. "Usually when you're an intern in a museum you work in the bookstore or take tickets. I had the incredible opportunity to work with the head curator of 19th century art."

Under the supervision of Curator William Johnston, Mocella was completing curatorial files on several small prints in the museum library that hadn't yet been researched. Among them were prints from the French Revolutionary era and some of Honoré Daumier's famous watercolors.

"The most enlightening aspect of the internship was to learn exactly what curating means. There is so much background work and so much research that takes place before a piece of art ever hangs on the museum wall."

Barbaranne Mocella aspires to earn a Ph.D. in art history with a concentration on the art of 19th century France.

HEARD AROUND CAMPUS

On Editing...

"It's a great illusion that the toughest decisions editors make is what to put *in* the newspaper. It's the stuff you *don't* put in the newspaper that is tough."
— Geneva Overholser
Ombudsman for *The Washington Post*
during her talk "Reforming the Press" for this year's installment of the Richard Harwood Lecture in American Journalism Series.

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During her trip home, Kathleen James (far left) visited with her mother, Alice B. Baldwin '57, who has taught writing at WC for the past 17 years.

WC Showcases Family Talent

DR. KATHLEEN James, an assistant professor in the Department of Architecture at the University of California, Berkeley, returned to Chestertown in March to give a lecture on the college campus where her father was professor and chair of English until his death in 1978.

Trained as an architectural historian, the daughter of WC's legendary English Professor Norman James is following in her father's scholarly footsteps. She recently published a book titled *Erich Mendolsohn and the Architecture of German Modernism.*

James earned her bachelor's degree from Yale University and both her master's and doctoral degrees in the history of art from the University of Pennsylvania. She was an assistant curator of slides and photographs at Brown University and taught at the University of Minnesota before joining the faculty at Berkeley in 1992.

A week after James' visit, Olivier Baby-Fourcade, one of opera's rising stars, treated a Chestertown audience to a sampling of opera and other musical styles during a Saturday afternoon performance. He was in town to visit his grandmother, Erika Salloch, professor emerita of German at Washington College.

Baby-Fourcade has performed in Paris, Venice and New York with leading opera figures and sang the role of Figaro in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* with the Stone Hill Opera Company in New Jersey in May. He was accompanied on piano by Jennifer Lynn Walsh, a Juilliard-trained musician active in the New York concert scene.

Both visits were sponsored by the Daniel Z. Gibson and John A. Wagner Lecture Fund in honor of Dr. Gibson, the 20th president of Washington College, and Dr. Wagner, an alumnus and member of the Board of Visitors and Governors.

Student Band Records CD

STUDENT BANDS often come and go at Washington College, but this spring one group took the first step to longevity with the release of a compact disc. Ghostbox, composed of Ted Knight '97 (guitar), Mike Buccino '99 (bass), Dermot Quigley '99 (vocals and tambourine), Andrew Stein '98 (percussion) and brothers Tim '97 (guitar) and Greg '00 Parent (drums), has high hopes for a successful regional musical following.

Like most student bands, they have performed in Chestertown at the Village Tavern and for various campus events. Their gigs at the popular 8 x 10 nightclub in Baltimore are what sets them apart. Their performance at the 8 x10 not only helped to get their name out, but also led them to take the next big step in their musical careers.

"The sound guy at the 8 x 10 told us he knew of a studio that would record us," said Ted. And that's just what they did. For two days in March, the young men headed to 1137 Studios in Baltimore where they recorded nine songs in 16 hours worth of recording. Band members sold t-shirts to raise funds to press the CD, which was released at the end of April.

Their music is rock-oriented, but band members claim a host of influences. "Improvisational with a tripped-out twist," says Tim Parent, eliciting a chorus of laughter and agreement from his other bandmates.

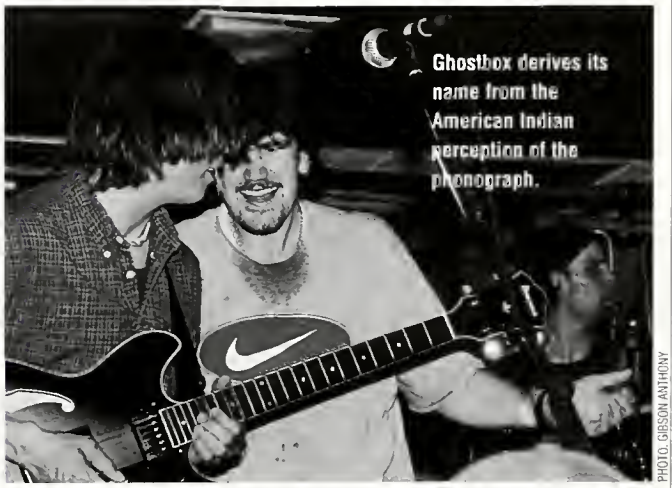
"We've made a commitment to stay together this summer," said Greg Parent, "and that's a big step for all of us."

To purchase a copy of the Ghostbox CD call Mike Buccino at 410-810-2729, or e-mail at michael.buccino@washcoll.edu. Look for a web site coming soon.

State Awards College $3 Million

WASHINGTON College's ambitious effort to renovate William Smith Hall and to build a new academic building got a major boost in May when Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening signed into law a $3 million grant for the projects.

The funds will pay almost half of the estimated $6.5



Ghostbox derives its name from the American Indian perception of the phonograph.

PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

million price tag for interior renovations of William Smith Hall and the demolition and replacement of Ferguson Hall. Washington College will match the state grant with fundraising from other sources to complete the projects.

"As a college teacher for nearly three decades, I am very pleased to support these investments in the learning environment and aesthetic beauty of one of Maryland's most renowned institutions," Gov. Glendening said.

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Eisenhower Reexamines Gen. Scott

HISTORY HAS not been kind to Winfield Scott, the 19th century general saddled with the unfortunate nickname "Old Fuss and Feathers," and branded a doddering incompetent.

Historian John Eisenhower wants to change that. The renowned scholar and longtime friend of Miller Library visited campus to discuss his latest book, *Agent of Destiny: The Life and Times of General Winfield Scott.*

The book seeks to recast Scott—who trounced the British in the War of 1812 and led the United States to victory in the Mexican-American War—as one of America's greatest generals, joining the ranks of George Washington, Ulysses S. Grant, and John's father, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

SCORECARD

WC Athletes Rule The Court, River And Pool

• Bradd Burkhart '98, basketball team captain and budding surgeon, scored his 1,000th career point during a game against Ursinus College in January. He capped his undergraduate hoops career with 1,159 points, earning him the 15th slot in Washington College's all-time leading scorers roster. This fall, Bradd begins his medical training at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and hopes to specialize in orthopedic surgery.

Bradd Burkhart '98 (right)

• The men's and women's rowing teams secured Washington College's iron grip on the Caspersen Cup Regatta this year, defeating Johns Hopkins University and St. John's College. This is the third consecutive year Washington College left the regatta Caspersen Cup in hand. In five years, the Shoremen have lost the regatta only once. The Caspersen Cup Regatta was created in 1993 to bring Hodson Trust beneficiary schools together in competition. It is held every March in honor of the Hodson Trust Chairman, Finn M. W. Caspersen.

• Danielle Sullivan '98 is the first Washington College swimmer to become a two-time All-American in one year. At the NCAA Division III Championships in March, Sullivan earned All-American status in the 500 and 1650 freestyle events and set three Centennial Conference records. In her senior year, Sullivan led the team to a 11-2 overall dual meet record, and a 5-2 mark in the Centennial Conference. Future plans include competing in the Bay Bridge Swim, a 4.4-mile race in June.

• Washington College sailors bested top-ranked St. Mary's College in April's Area C championship. The Shoremen sailing team's fourth place finish at the Chesapeake Bay region regatta — held in St. Mary's City — was considered a notable upset over St. Mary's, which was ranked No. 1 in the country. Washington College scored 95 points in the Area C races; the winner, the U.S. Naval Academy, finished with 47 points. (In sailing, the lowest score wins.)

Danielle Sullivan '98

State Offers Tuition Plan

HE IS ONE YEAR old —have you started paying your son's college tuition yet?

In Maryland you can, even if you end up sending him to a private school like Washington College.

Under Maryland's prepaid tuition plan enacted this spring, families can begin paying their child's tuition from birth. That money, earning interest in an "untouchable" state fund, is designed to pay full tuition at one of Maryland's state schools. It can also be put toward tuition at any private college or university in Maryland, without penalty.

"It provides both means and incentive to save for college," Gov. Parris N. Glendening said after signing the bill that created the prepaid tuition plan. Several options are available to families depending on their financial situation and plans for their child's education.

For more information call 1-888-4MD-GRAD or go to the program's Internet homepage at www.prepaid.usmd.edu.

Volansky Hits Her Mark At Steppenwolf Theatre

MICHELE VOLANSKY '90 ADMITTEDLY has one of the most enviable jobs in the theater world. She has a Rolodex to die for—full of playwrights, agents, actors and other theatre artists—and she spends her days and nights helping create cutting edge theatre at one of the world's most respected performing arts institutions.

She is dramaturg and literary manager at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company, a company of 30 theater artists who produce new and ambitious works for the stage.

Her role as dramaturg, she said during a recent visit with Washington College drama students, is essentially that of a communicator or facilitator. She works with the playwright on script development, she talks to the actors, costume designers, lighting directors and set designers, she researches historical context. Mostly, she says, she asks questions and listens. "Who are these people? Where does the play live in the canon of American theatre? Where did the idea for this play come from? A dramaturg is someone who allows everyone else to do the best job they can do."

In addition to her dramaturgy duties Volansky also wears the hat of Steppenwolf's literary manager. When she joined the theatre company in 1995, she took on the task of establishing a logging system and tracking plays that appear in the New Plays Lab, The Studio Theatre, and on Main Stage. With Steppenwolf's reputation for introducing exciting new plays by emerging playwrights, Volansky's desk is the first stop for hundreds of manuscripts each year.

Her choice of her life's work seems a natural progression from her undergraduate days as a writer and English major who frequented the Gibson Performing Arts Center with her drama major roommate Emily Lott Miller '90.

"I came to Washington College to win the Sophie Kerr Prize, and when that didn't seem to be working out I remember going to Rick Davis [a former WC professor of drama now artistic director of the Theatre of the First Amendment at George Mason University], wondering what to do with my life. He told me, with my ability to analyze scripts and to articulate what plays are about, I could be a dramaturg. Even though I had never heard of such a thing, I said, 'OK, I'll be a dramaturg.' There was something instrumental about the organic study of theater and English at Washington College that taught me how to navigate the world of theater arts and how to sustain relationships with people."

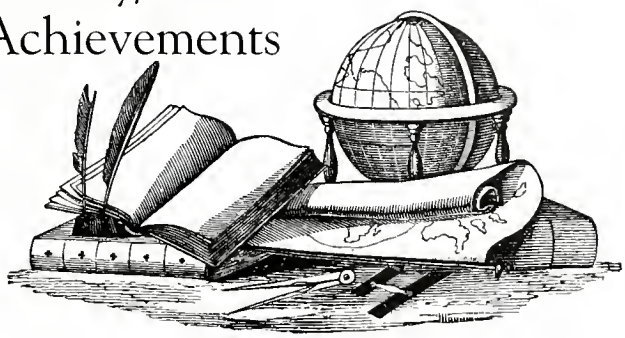
Michelle Volansky '90 likens the role of dramaturg to that of a good student of drama: she asks questions, listens and responds.

In her senior year at Washington College she dramaturged *Baby With the Bathwater* and was hooked. She offered her dramaturgy services to the drama department at Villanova University, where she earned her master's of arts degree. After interning at Actors Theatre in Louisville, Kentucky, she stayed for two more years as assistant literary manager and resident dramaturg. In 1995, Steppenwolf came courting. She had earned a reputation for her fine collaborative work.

In her first season there, she dramaturged a production of Stephen Jeffreys' new play, *The Libertine*, starring John Malkovich as John Wilmot, the Second Earl of Rochester. That same year, Steppenwolf received five Tony nominations for its production of Sam Shepard's *Buried Child*. She most recently dramaturged *The Man Who Came for Dinner*, featuring Steppenwolf ensemble member John Mahoney in the title role. Also produced during the 1997-98 season were David Hare's *Skylight*, the world premiere of *Space* (ranked fourth in the nation in *Time* magazine's list of top ten theatrical productions), the American premiere of Shelagh Stephenson's *The Memory of Water*, and J. M. Synge's Irish classic, *The Playboy of the Western World*.

"For so many actors and directors, Steppenwolf is a mecca. I've developed artistic relationships with so many people. John Malkovich does movies so he can act at Steppenwolf. It's a great place to be. I work hard—I'm usually in rehearsals until 10 o'clock at night—and I love every minute of it."

Faculty/Staff Achievements



EMILIE AMT, associate professor of history, gave a lecture at St. Joseph's University entitled "A Tale of Two Convents: Nuns and Their Families in 12th Century England."

TAI SUNG AN, who retired this spring, was named the Everett E. Nuttle Professor of Political Science Emeritus.

THOMAS COUSINEAU, professor of English, has been invited to serve as American representative of the American Association pour la Fondation Samuel Beckett, which seeks to transform the house where Beckett hid from the Nazis in the South of France during World War II into an international center for Beckett studies. Cousineau's essay, "Samuel Beckett: *Roman au Theatre*," will appear as a chapter in Paris — Theatre — 50, a collection of essays on French theater during the 1950s. Cousineau also read a paper entitled "Walled Round by the Vociferations: Samuel Beckett's Comedy of Violence" at the annual meeting of the Colloquium of Violence and Religion in Paris.

FRANK J. CREEGAN, the W. Alton Jones Professor of Chemistry, was named chairman of the Chemistry Department.

LISA DANIELS, assistant professor of economics, had a paper accepted by the Economics Association titled "From the Chalkboard to PowerPoint in the Principles Course: Benefits and Costs." Daniels will present it this summer.

ROBERT FALLAW, professor of history, was named the first Everett E. Nuttle Professor of History. Fallaw also gave a lecture on "Robert E. Lee and the American Civil War" at the Kappa Alpha Order Conference in Chestertown in January.

LISA GRAHAM, a lecturer in German, presented a paper in April at the Fourth Annual Germanic Linguistics Conference in Columbus, Ohio entitled "The Grammaticalization of Causal Conjunctions in the Works of Notker and Otfrid."

DAL HOLMES, associate director of admissions, was awarded the highest honor given by the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling at its annual conference in Towson, MD in April. The 800-member regional organization gave Holmes the Richard L. Apperson Award for extraordinary service to students and the Association. Holmes, a former Association president, has been active in the organization for more than 20 years.

MICHAEL KERCHNER, assistant professor of psychology, was promoted to associate professor.

KIM LESSARD, aquatic director and coach of the men's and women's swim team, achieved her 100th win at Washington College on Jan. 23 with a 115-86 meet with the men and a 125-78 meet with the women over St. Mary's College.

JUAN LIN, associate professor of physics, was promoted to professor. Lin also had an article entitled "Selection-Mutation Process of RNA Viruses" published in the February *Physical Review*. The article is co-authored by

MARTIN CONNAUGHTON, assistant professor of biology, shown above demonstrating the use of an otter trawl to his Marine and Estuarine Biology class, published two articles: one in *Biological Bulletin* on an apparatus for analyzing the rate of energy use by single muscle fibers, and the other in the *Journal of Experimental Biology* on seasonal changes in weakfish sonic muscles and the mating sounds they make.

Washington College senior Amal Aafif.

VALÉRIE LOICHOT, assistant professor of French, published an article in *The French Review* entitled "*La Créolité à l'oeuvre dans Ravines du devant-jour de Raphaël Confiant*" (Translation: The Practice of Creoleness in Raphaël Confinant's Ravines du devant-jour).

AYAKO MAEDA, a visiting professor of English and Japan studies on academic exchange from Ferris University in Japan, has been invited to give a talk on American icon Elvis Presley at the Smithsonian Institution in June. She also has been invited to give a talk on Flannery O'Connor at the SCMLA (an affiliation of the Modern Language Association) meeting next fall.

EDWARD E. MAXCY, associate dean of students, was a presentor at the NAFSA (the Association of International Educators) Region VII Conference in Baltimore.

KEVIN McKILLOP, assistant professor of psychology, was promoted to associate professor. He also presented three papers: "Deepest secrets: Who tells whom?" to the Ninth Annual Convention of the American Psychological Society in Washington, D.C.; and "Enemies, health and psychological well-being: Are enemies bad for one's health?" and "Modern sexism and the Bogus Pipeline," both at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in Boston.

KLAUS PLONIEN, assistant professor of German, published an article on travel literature during the Weimar Republic. He also presented two papers: one on early German Nationalism, to the Institute of Contemporary British History in London; and one on German unification in German Literature, to the German Studies Association Conference in Washington, D.C.

Provost and Dean JOACHIM SCHOLZ published an article on internationalizing liberal education in the winter issue of *Liberal Education*.

BEVERLY WOLFF, assistant dean for academic advising, attended a conference of the National Academic Advising Association where she presented a paper entitled "Bridging the Gap: Athletes as Students" in March 1998. She also attended the Elderhostel Mid-Atlantic Conference in Williamsburg, VA, presenting a paper entitled "The Washington College Academy of Lifelong Learning 'ALL-Mentors': College and Community Connections."

DONALD McCOLL, assistant professor of art, presented a paper entitled "Swiss Public Fountains and the Coming of the Reformation" in a session called "The Medium and the Message—Visual Strategies, Confessional Audiences," at the Conference of "Frühe Neuzeit Interdisziplinär," held at Duke University.

JOHN SEIDEL, assistant professor of Chesapeake Regional Studies, was appointed by Gov. Parris Glendening to a four-year term on the Maryland Historical Trust Board of Trustees, beginning July 1, 1998. He also helped probe Mississippi's Yazoo River for submerged Civil War ships and is completing the analysis of the *HMS Fowey* wreckage, which sunk near Biscayne Bay in 1748. Seidel also assisted the Maritime Archaeological & Historical Society and the Maryland Historical Trust in the production of a 10-part video course in Maritime Archaeology that public television plans to air this summer. Seidel was the primary speaker/instructor for half of the segments.

SATINDER S. SIDHU, associate professor of physics, was named chairman of the Physics Department.

KAREN SMITH, professor of physical education, presented a lecture entitled "Nutrition for the Dancer" at the Maryland State Dance Festival in March, and also conducted two workshops there on alignment and stretching for dance. She also presented a paper entitled "Heart Smart Nutrition for Physically Active Careers" at Towson University.

GEORGE J. SPILICH, professor of psychology, delivered a talk on "Building Distinctiveness into Undergraduate Curricula" for Research Day at SUNY-Potsdam.

NANCY TATUM, the Ernest A. Howard professor of English, represented the College at her Alma Mater at the inauguration of Nancy J. Vickers as Bryn Mawr College's new President on Dec. 6, 1997 in Bryn Mawr, PA.

CAROL WILSON, assistant professor of history, was promoted to associate professor.

PORTFOLIO

The All-AMERICAN

Photographs by Gibson B. Anthony

SOME OF THE COUNTRY'S BEST YOUNG SAILORS converged on Chestertown this spring for a rough-and-tumble day of racing in Washington College's All-American Regatta. The race, now in its second year, attracts top-notch sailors for a series of dinghy races on the Chester. Eleven skippers—including Chris Larson, 1998's Rolex Sailor of the Year—competed amidst high winds, strong currents and some of the fastest sailing the Chester River has ever seen. Terry Hutchinson, a two-time college Sailor of the Year, left with the trophy.

Clockwise from top: Sailors jockey for advantage on a particularly tight leg of the All-American; A skipper holds Boat 6 while awaiting the next race. To prevent unfair advantages, the skippers rotate boats and crew members between races; With no time (or cleat) for dock lines, this weary crew member uses her feet to secure the boat; President John Toll surveys the regatta from the College's patrol boat; A skipper and crew stretch their sails to trap maximum air on a downwind leg.

WC Prof. Gets DOWN & DIRTY

SOMEWHERE BENEATH THE SOIL AND SEDIMENT and concrete of modern day Kent County is the lost village of New Yarmouth, an obscure New World settlement born with the greatest of expectations, then abandoned for lack of interest.

LIKE DOZENS of other Old World outposts built along the Chesapeake Bay as trading centers, New Yarmouth was once thriving and busy. Founded in 1683, it boasted a courthouse, inn, two shipyards, and a ferry to Kent Island. People would stay a night or two while court was in session, on a northern fur trade run to Pennsylvania, or south with a load of tobacco leaf bound for London.

Then human nature intervened. After a short spurt of activity, New Yarmouth began to die; local farmers preferred selling their tobacco to ships right from their own docks. It was easier to avoid His Majesty's tax collectors on your own land.

So the pub closed, the courthouse went empty. Finally, in 1696, the governor ordered New Yarmouth abandoned for a location farther north—this one on the Chester River. That town failed, too, so the colonial leaders picked a new spot. Later they called it Chestertown.

As a location, New Yarmouth is gone now—very gone. Its structures, houses and roads faded with the centuries. Then, just as gradually, they disappeared, both from the face of the land and from the local memory.

Today no one knows where New Yarmouth was.

At least, no one knows *for sure*.

Washington College Professor John Seidel says he has a hunch. But first he needs to dig around a little.

As archaeology goes, Kent County is well below the poverty line. Though it was one of the first places explorers encountered, though it was sprawling with Indian villages and settlement outposts, though its history spans many millennia, little has been unearthed—literally speaking—of its past.

"There is much work to be done in this region," said Richard B. Hughes, chief of the Office of Archaeology for the Maryland Historical Trust.

He is standing in front of two slides. The first is a map of Anne Arundel County, dotted like the Milky Way with bright specks representing known archeological sites. The second map is of Kent County; it looks like a few fireflies lost in the dark.

"Less than 4 percent of archeological sites in the state are in Kent County, versus 25 percent in Anne Arundel County," Hughes said. "What that reflects is Anne Arundel County started an archaeology program 10 years ago."

Enter Washington College. Last year the school allied itself with the Mary-

BY DOUGLAS HANKS III

land Historical Trust in an effort to explore the region's rich layers of archeological history.

For its part, Washington College agreed to create an archaeology program on campus. Its mission is to teach students of all disciplines the value of unearthing the past, train future archaeologists in the art of their craft, and provide much-needed bodies and support for digs in Kent, as well as Queen Anne's and Cecil counties.

Maryland agreed to fund half the program for three years, a commitment with a $100,000 price tag.

The partnership began in earnest last winter with the hiring of Dr. John L. Seidel as Washington College's first professor of archaeology.

Seidel, a former archaeology professor at the University of Maryland who went on to uncover shipwrecks and other historical sites for private companies, couldn't wait.

Seidel knows how much archaeology is out there—or under there—in Kent County. He is eager to be the one to preserve it.

"One of the things that makes this area unique is the fact that it hasn't been spoiled by development," Seidel said during a recent talk in his Ferguson Hall office. "But how long the Eastern Shore is going to be able to retain its agricultural character is unknown."

So the clock is ticking. Seidel's plan is to spend this summer in the Maryland archives poring over explorers' diaries, ship manifests, 17th century maps—whatever is there—to see how much about Kent County is already known.

Seidel also will poke around the county itself, searching for farmers who may have churned up an artifact or two while plowing their fields.

From that research, he hopes to glean a notebook full of clues about where some rich sites might be.

The digs begin this fall. Students and volunteers will serve as crew for the tedious, exacting and sometimes exhilarating process of unearthing the past.

First a small site is cordoned off, then divided into a grid. The workers, often on hands and knees, begin digging away at small portions of earth. Anything of historical value is usually found about a foot into the ground.

Once an artifact is found, it is photographed while still in the ground. Then it is carefully removed using brushes, brought to a lab, photographed again and catalogued. The process is expensive and extremely time-consuming (it once took him 10 years to dig up 5 percent of a single site), but Seidel says the results can be invaluable.

"Too often the details of everyday life that are of interest to archaeologists and historians aren't written down," he explains.

The history books typically document the big picture: wars, famines, industrial revolutions. Archaeology fills in the mundane—but fascinating—details.

Archaeologists discover a pile of rib bones and oyster shells and learn where a colonial family dumped its trash (out the back door). A crystal found in the corner of what were once slave quarters reveals a clandestine spirituality hidden from the plantation's master. Layers of ragweed pollen suggest a farmer's clearing of an oak forest for his crops.

What emerges from the scraps and clues of centuries past is an understanding of how earlier civilizations affected their environment, and how the environment shaped their lives.

New Yarmouth has endured through the years as a wispy question mark. Rumors and lore of its location have been passed down through the generations; every now and then, someone says they know where it is.

It remains a mystery, but there are clues.

"Everything indicates that the town was on Grays Inn Creek itself," Seidel explains. That would put the New Yarmouth site on the east side of Eastern Neck, along the west bank of the creek.

Seidel doesn't want to reveal too much, but he thinks conventional wisdom about New Yarmouth's precise location is wrong. There are some hints and landmark descriptions he's seen that suggest a site with potential, one that could yield the answer to a puzzle 300-plus years in the making.

This summer will be his chance to compare the historical descriptions of New Yarmouth with today's landscape. If Seidel finds a match or two, he will know he's on to something.

Then work will begin. Property owners will be contacted, volunteers recruited, digging strategies plotted. In the end, a window into a long lost community could be revealed.

When—if—that happens, Kent County may well find itself enthralled by what a bunch of college students and weekend archaeologists dug up in the dirt.

"It's amazing the kind of interest people have in the past, with what happened here long ago," Seidel says. "It's as if there's a hidden dimension to the land you walk every day."

Professor John Seidel, shown here examining site maps with humanities major Lucas Canino '00, is planning a preliminary dig behind Washington College's Customs House. Under the auspices of the McLain Program in Environmental Studies and the Chesapeake Regional Studies program, Seidel will be developing an archaeological survey of the entire upper Eastern Shore.

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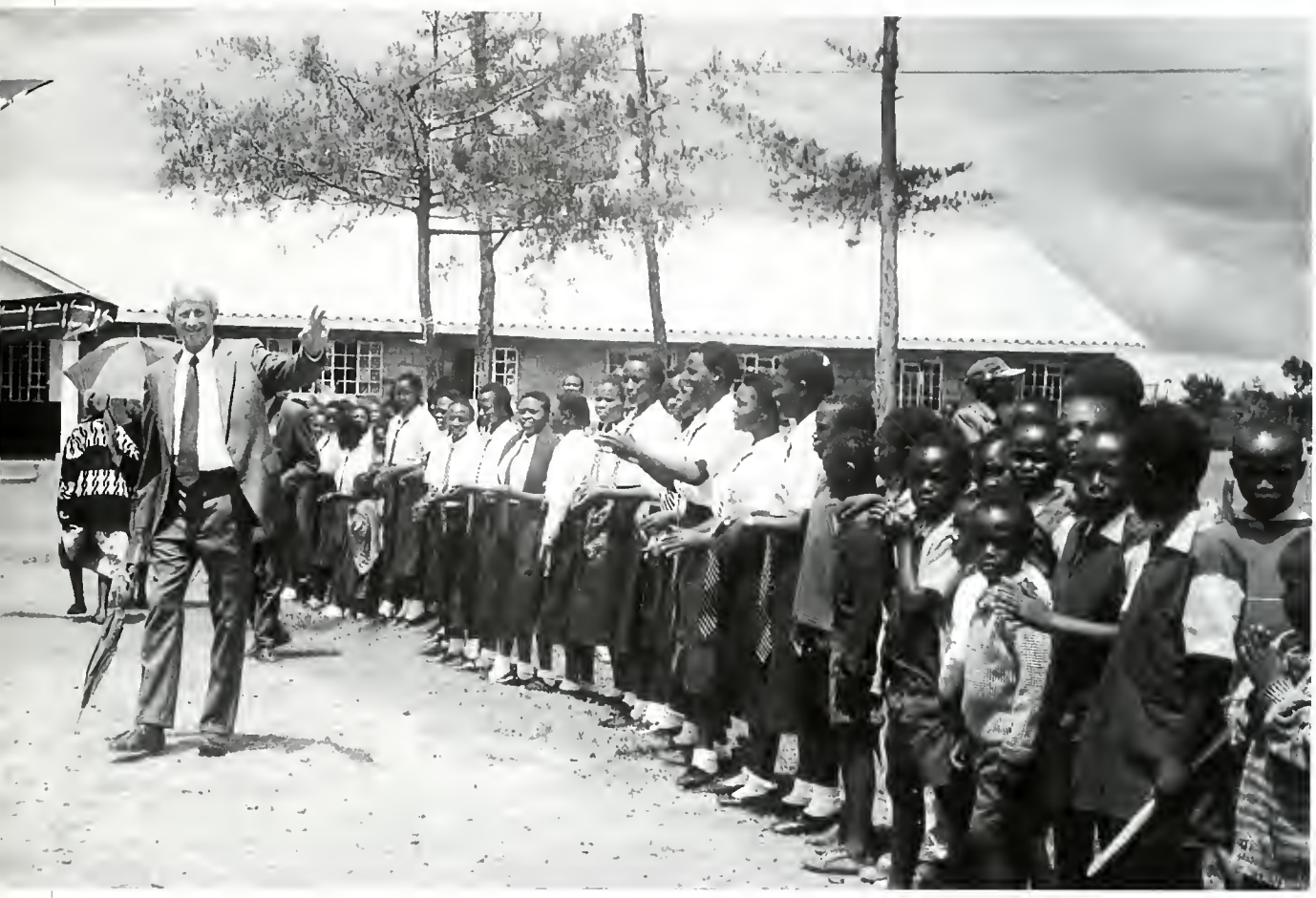
A Year *in* KENYA

WASHINGTON COLLEGE CASTS A spell, yet for those who have been in its thrall, the good news is that there is a life beyond. After fifteen years on the front lines of academic administration, Katherine and I discovered another world where we could flourish, but it was a very different kind of place than any we had known. This was a world where meetings began with prayers for a successful outcome. This was a place where students stood up when we entered the classroom and then would say in unison, "Good morning, sir (pronounced "suh")," or "Good morning, madame." "How are you today, *wanafunzi*?" "We are very well, suh/madame." We liked it.

BY CHARLES H. TROUT



The author, former College President Charles H. Trout, arrives at his school, Korongoi Girls' Secondary, for an end-of-year *harambee* ("all together") that raised $60,000. Several members of the Washington College community made generous contributions.

OUR SHANGRI-LA was situated in the Western Highlands of Kenya where, from November 1996 to November 1997, we lived in a village more remote than Chestertown would have been in the eighteenth century. Assigned by Teachers for Africa, a Phoenix-based organization dedicated to the promotion of self-help, to the Korongoi Girls' Secondary School (me) and the Korongoi Primary School (Katherine), we lived out a dream that had been with us since that March day in 1961 when John F. Kennedy announced the establishment of the Peace Corps. Owing to life circumstances, we were not then in a position to enlist, but 35 years later, we were ready. As Shakespeare put it in *King Lear*, "the readiness is all."

Even so, there were worried moments, and as our school van took us west from Nairobi to our new home, our antennae were on full alert. After crossing the Great Rift Valley, the pothole-scarred highway begins a gentle ascent and, just short of the small city of Kericho, reaches the great tea estates of Kenya at an elevation of approximately 6,700'. At the small town of Litein, our well-worn Nissan turned off and headed up a rutted dirt road for the ten-kilometer drive to the village of Korongoi. When we reached the school gate, it was pitch dark. Suddenly, figures bearing flashlights came toward us across the school compound, and as they approached the van we could see their arms raised skyward in the traditional African *salaam*. "*Karibu sana, walimu*!" they said with broad grins. ("You are highly welcome, teachers!") We knew we would be fine.

In those first days at Korongoi, there were so many new things to learn, so many adjustments to make. Our 420-square foot rectangular cottage, for example, posed a number of challenges. With neither electricity nor plumbing, we learned to cook over one-burner charcoal and paraffin *jikos*. Without running water, we captured run-off from the roof in a 300-litre tank, and when we ran out our school donkeys would be dispatched to the "river" (to our eyes a muddy hole) to fetch what we needed. At sunset, we fired up our *mafuta ya taa* (paraffin pressure lamp), and when that task proved too frustrating, one or another of our school workers came to the rescue. There were, by the way, no other technological hazards—no phone, no FAX, no answering machine, no computers, no mechanical toilet (a long-drop *choo* served the purpose), no flat iron (Katherine struggled to solve the mysteries of a charcoal-heated "iron box"). To bathe, we used a solar shower. With the exception of not having a car, we found these throw-

Although neither spoke the other's language, Katherine Trout and Rebekka Chebelyon shared the bond of age (Rebekka is 98 but Katherine also was thought of as elderly) and lively involvement in village life. No ceremonial or political occasion in Korongoi was complete without Rebekka's charismatic presence.

backs to life in a bygone era to be at most minor inconveniences. On balance, they were in fact liberating.

The car issue, though, was a tough one, for without an automobile we were at the mercy of the battered *matatus* that plied the route from Korongoi to Litein, and hence to Kericho. The Devil's own conveyance, a *matatu* is in essence a pick-up truck with three benches in the rear. Into this tiny space, a tout would cram as many as 25 people. Although a good setting in which to practice Swahili, a *matatu*, I decided, was nothing less than a torture chamber on wheels. On the other hand, to buy a car was in many ways unthinkable. Not one teacher at either of our schools, save for the Head of Korongoi Girls', owned a vehicle, nor did anyone in the entire village. We learned to do without.

In any case, we had little time to brood about the philosophical issue of whether to buy a car, for within two days of our arrival the 1997 school year got underway, and we were both expected to carry a full load. For me that meant history and English in Forms I and II (9th and 10th grade), while Katherine taught English composition and crafts to Standard VII (7th grade), home science to Standard VI, and English grammar to Standard VIII.

Charged by Teachers for Africa with "improving" education in Kenya, we almost immediately came to realize that if this meant the development of analytical reasoning, then there was a severe tension between our organization's goals and those of the nation's Ministry of Education. It did not take a genius to figure out, for instance, that there are really only two moments in a young person's education that count: at the end of Standard VIII and then again at the end of Form IV, all students sit for national examinations, and the stakes are extraordinarily high. In practice, the exams, each of them extremely rigorous and most of them multiple choice, lead to a winnowing that is nothing less than brutal. Some 435,000 take the Standard VIII exam, and these youngsters are seeking 190,000 places in high school. Those who persist to the end of the senior year (about 165,000 in all) vie for 10,000 seats in the state university system. In such a setting, or so we thought, it would be a serious disservice to students to stray very far from the state-mandated syllabus. The development of critical thinking would have to go on hold.

THERE WERE OTHER circumstances that kept us on the straight and narrow. My classes, for instance, averaged 62 per section; Katherine's averaged 74. Then, too, there was the problem of books. The aim in the secondary section was to have one book for every 2.5 students, and we largely achieved this goal. In the primary school, however, Katherine was lucky when there were even a half-dozen books for an entire class. For most of the faculty at Korongoi Primary, teaching consisted of copying notes on the board, notes that the students then dutifully recopied in their exercise books. In an exam-crazed nation, there was little deviation from this not-so-exciting approach to pedagogy.

Moreover, we both encountered language difficulties, and here, too, Katherine's situation was worse than mine. All her students, and the overwhelming majority of mine, were from the Kipsigis tribe, and Kipsigis, a Kalenjin language, was the mother tongue. While children learned their numbers in both Swahili and English beginning in nursery school, formal instruction in these two vital, indeed official, languages did not begin until later. Meanwhile, all state examinations were in English, and at Korongoi Girls' Secondary instruction was expected to be in English, or, in certain circumstances, in Swahili. Students who were caught talking in mother tongue were punished but even so, most students were weakest in English. There were times when I knew that they did not under-

Korongoi Primary children show off a precious gift from Eleanor Shriver '93. From this day forward, the Trouts were perceived as the source of priceless bounty. As they walked the lanes of the village, children would shout: "Ball, sir! Ball, madame!"

stand me, and I often found it difficult to understand them. Occasionally, we used Swahili to bridge the gap, an approach that usually touched off gales of laughter.

It was also fiendishly difficult to learn the names, in part because it took several weeks to get a class list and in part because so many of the names were the same. In Form II, for instance, I had six students named "Chepkoech" with a Christian name attached—e.g. Chepkoech Margaret, or, alternatively, Margaret Chepkoech. "What a large family!" I exclaimed to my class. It turned out that they were unrelated. Among Kalenjin-speaking tribes, most girls get names with "Chep" as a prefix, signifying gender. (Boys receive the prefix, "Kip.") To the prefix is added a word signifying the time and/or circumstances of birth. "Chepkoech," for example, means "a girl born in the morning." "Chepngeno" means "a girl born when the goats are waking." "Chepkirui" signifies "a girl born just before bedtime," while "Chepketer" is "a girl born at the back of the house." Some of my students were born in a cattle den, when a visitor was in the house, when the mother was on medication. Fortunately, all students had admission numbers, and for a long time it was easier to know that the student closest to the front window was #171 than to learn "Chepngeno Millie."

The two of us soldiered on, and there was something very nice about the rigor, the discipline of an educational approach borrowed from the British. Indeed, there are parents and surely grandparents in America who would love it. We diagrammed sentences. We learned the difference between transitive and intransitive verbs, between a participial and an adjectival phrase. We worked assiduously on pronunciation and comprehension, usually to outbursts of protest about my accent. Certain sounds—"p," "d," "b"—were especially difficult, and even by the end I was "Toctor Drought" to most. Far from being mind-numbing, most of our exercises were fun, mainly because the students plunged in with enthusiasm, especially when recitations were in unison.

THERE WAS ALSO time to be subversive, and I took some chances. I knew for instance that *Things Fall Apart*, the brilliant work of the Nigerian novelist Chinua Achebe, had recently been the "national examination book" for seniors, and even though underclassmen are not asked by the Ministry of Education to read a novel, I wanted to give it a try. *No Longer at Ease*, the second book in Achebe's trilogy, picks up the story of Obi Okonkwo, a young man who leaves his village for an Oxford education and then for life in the fast lane of contemporary Lagos. Caught between the traditional and the modern, Obi was a person with whom my students could identify. As educated "Women of Kenya," as I was fond of calling them, they, like Obi, were aware that there was a life out there that differed from what their parents had known. They knew for instance that there was a relationship between family size and economic standing. They were aware that they could say no to polygamy. They knew that women in modern Kenya are in a world where roles are changing. To have led them through the first novel most had ever read was satisfying, but to hear them open up about real issues in their lives was truly exciting.

It was heartening to discover that there was no party line on these important matters, and in fact there were lively disagreements about what might make for a satisfying life. When we read Robert Frost's "The Road Not Taken," for example, at least half the class argued that they would not take "the road less traveled by," for there were too many dangers. Why would one want to face the economic uncertainties that risk-taking involves? The same response was evident when we read Seamus Heaney's "Digging," in which the narrator, an aspiring poet, sits at his window watching his father plunge his spade into the earth as he harvests his potatoes. Although the poet clearly admires the old man, he in the end says he will devote his life to digging for words. Half the class said the writer should follow his dreams, while the other half was appalled that he would reject family traditions. In their view, to work the family *shamba* (farm) was a higher calling than chasing moonbeams.

In public boarding schools, teachers are expected to take on extra duties, and after a term I was promoted to the esteemed position of Master of Games. How many times I thought of complaints in schools I had known back in America about poorly-graded playing surfaces, underpowered vans to transport athletes, and the supposed need for ever better uniforms! At Korongoi, our competitors shared the compound with the school cows who "mowed" the grounds and left cowpies in their wake. At a 45° angle and ten yards out from our east soccer goal, a substantial hillock interfered with play. "Can we level it?" I asked the Headmaster. "It is a burial mound," he told me, "and if the students see bones they will become too frightened to sleep in their dormitories." The mound remained untouched. For every athletic competition where the round trip was under 20 miles, we walked. In a sports-mad nation whose fabulous runners dominate international competition, we had a number of highly-skilled athletes. Indeed, our tiny school won both sub-zonal and zonal championships in front of several thousand spectators, and then we walked back to Korongoi on grassy paths through endless fields of tea and maize. When there are victories to celebrate, nothing quite beats coaching.

Dr. Trout plucks tea with a friend, Henry Ngetich. In the colonial period, Africans were not allowed to grow tea or coffee. Today, one acre of tea will produce an income almost five times greater than the national per capita average.

Our involvements did not end in the classrooms or on the playing fields but extended to many other aspects of a Korongoi education. There were field trips to Kisumu where we visited a very nice branch of the Kenya National Museum, toured the studios of the Kenya Broadcasting Corpora-

tion, took a boat ride on Lake Victoria (most of the students were terrified and admitted to praying "much"), went to a carnival, and shopped: few, if any, had ever before done any of these things. I took a monthly turn as Master on Duty, which had me to school by 6:30 a.m. to supervise chores and ended with "good-nights" at 10:00 p.m. Katherine had Wednesday night duty as a supervisor of "evening preps" (study hall) and was walked home by an octogenarian *askari* (guard) armed with bow and arrows. There were debates ("Resolved: Paganism is Preferable to Christianity"), twice-a-week assemblies, entertainments, and lots of singing.

In addition, we were very much involved in raising gifts for our schools in cash and kind, and a wonderful contribution of used science equipment from Washington College, including eight Bunsen burners, was marked by a special ceremony. By the time we left, Katherine's project—the first free-standing primary school library in the Western Highlands—was all but finished, and my year in the secondary section ended with the largest school fundraiser in the history of West Kenya. With the KSh3,300,000 (about $60,000 U.S.) contributed on a memorable November afternoon, Korongoi Girls' would be able to pipe water to the school, bring in electricity, build a new academic wing with two large classrooms and a library, construct a new cookhouse, and erect the school's first permanent dormitory. I concluded that it would be more fun to chair a Buildings and Grounds Committee in Kenya than the ones I had known back home. Talk about a bang for the buck! We even made it onto national television.

Much loved and valued but never pampered, even pre-nursery school children contribute to the family economy. Isaiah Kipkirui (right) and his friend, Cherotich, take a break from tending animals, fetching water, and weeding the garden. Between tasks, and without the mixed blessing of material possessions, they played with a sense of joy and imagination.

When most Americans think of Kenya, the nation's great game reserves come immediately to mind. We visited a number of them and they were in many ways spectacular. However, we went to Kenya not to see wildlife but to be with people, and our absorption into the village of Korongoi added so much to our year in Kenya. There were funerals—too many of them. There was church. Almost every week we visited the homes of our new friends for *chai* (tea) and bread, or sometimes for an elaborate meal. When one of our landlord's cows was stolen, several *barazas* ensued—that is, meetings of the men of the village to gather information, share suspicions, and ultimately discover the culprit upon whom a curse would then be placed. In short, we were accepted.

As the year went on, we came to realize that one tiny child Isaiah (pronounced "Eee-zigh-ah") Kipkirui, was central to our feelings about rural Africa. The grandson of our next-door neighbor and *askari* Bwana Mathias Rutto, Isaiah was, to put it in a word, enchanting.

From sunrise to sunset, this little guy never rested, and we watched him for hours on end as he imitated his grandfather or the other children. With Isaiah, there was essentially one speed: while others might walk, he ran, and we loved to watch as he would single out a cow and drive the animal from one field to another, just as Bwana Rutto did during every waking hour.

At first frightened whenever we approached (we were the only white people he had ever seen), Isaiah gradually lost his inhibitions. Before long, he would greet us with arms raised overhead, and mimicking his cousins would say, "Good morning, suh," to Katherine and "Good morning, madame" to me. With no mother around to take care of his clothes, Isaiah often looked like a figure out of "L'il Abner," but his too-big green pants with kneepads at the ankles only added to his charm. We also discovered that he had staked out an area behind a rock pile close to our cottage as his private toilet, and his early morning sprints to the *choo* signaled as regular as clockwork the beginning of a new day. This small boy, ceaselessly entertaining and always purposeful, helped to define what we meant when we referred to Korongoi as home.

On March 14, 1998, Isaiah Kipkirui died of malaria in the Kericho District Hospital, and the devastating news reminded us of the fragile nature of life in the Third World. It simply did not seem fair. Isaiah's death also reminded us, not that we needed the help, of what we had suspected all along—that is, in a universe where our students' futures were so precarious, we could offer no more than palliatives. Solutions to the problems in one of the world's poorest nations, on the other hand, were quite beyond us. Isaiah was a bright button, but we could not shield him from pestilence. So many of our students were also bright buttons, but what will happen to them? We took away so much from our encounter with East Africa, yet in the end the greatest thing may have been a deep concern about what the answer to this question might be. It is not much, but we discovered that with caring, fulfillment follows. There is in fact a fulfilling life after Washington College. ◗

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I loved my BUG

IN ITS HEYDAY BETWEEN 1962 AND 1972, THE VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE was the world's best-selling car. It was cheap and long-running, if a bit idiosyncratic. Best of all, it was fun to drive and it could do neat tricks - like mountain climbing and porch perching. The Bug was a member of the family, and everyone who once put their bug through thousands of miles, and that's nearly everyone over 40 at Washington College, has a story to tell.

Volkswagen recently introduced a New Beetle that is stirring up memories of persevering bugs gone by. It remains to be seen, however, if drivers will fall in love with the Bug all over again.

The original model inspired courage in the face of ice and snow, creativity in body and engine maintenance, practical jokes inspired by its portability, and unwaivering owner loyalty. The New Beetle's price tag is 13 times that of the original, but owners are treated to all the amenities the lack of which seemed charming 35 years ago: most notably heat and air conditioning. Today's models boast of a six-speaker stereo, side airbags, anti-theft and central locking systems, even a flower vase. Collision tests seem to indicate a similar durability of design.

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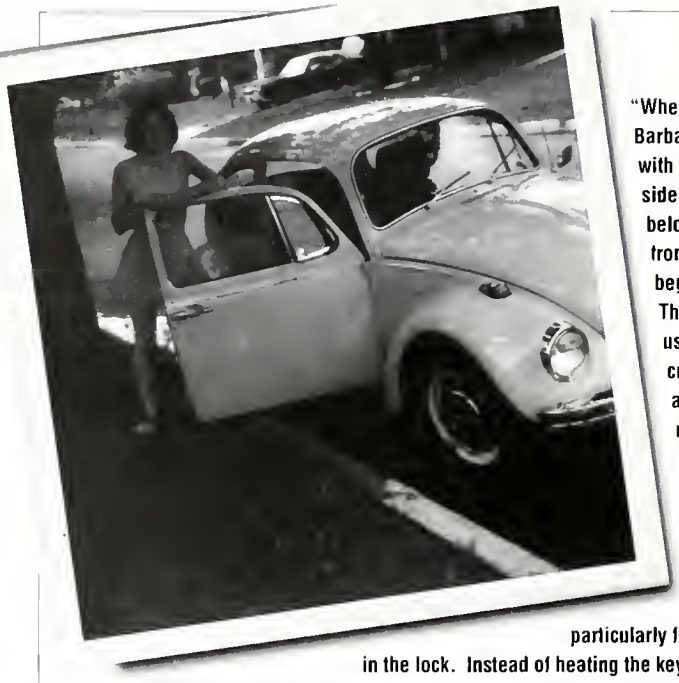

"When we were first married, Barbara and I had a white Beetle with a red racing stripe on each side. We packed all our earthly belongings into the car and set out from our New Jersey home to begin graduate school in Ohio. There was just enough room for us to squeeze in. In a strong cross wind, the car would almost jump to the center of the road before ricocheting off the painted double line. In really cold weather, we would take the battery into our apartment at night. Once, my wife became frozen to the handle of the car door. During a particularly frigid cold snap, the key froze in the lock. Instead of heating the key, she bent down to breathe on the lock. But she got too close, and instantly she was frozen to the car by her lips."

— Richard Gillin, Professor and Chair, Department of English

My very first car was a used '67 VW Bug my dad bought for me when I was a junior here at WC in 1972. I drove that car until I was rear-ended. I bought another 1967 Bug—that one got me to Colorado and back, but the bottom rusted out one day on Rt. 213. So I retired that one and, yes, found another 1967 Bug with only 90,000 miles. I drove that another 40,000 miles, until I finally got tired of freezing my butt in the winter and bought a truck. But I couldn't sell the Bug. I have it stored in a garage near Queen Street. It WILL be on the road again some day."

—John Wagner '74
Director of Waterfront

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"I had a 1970 VW Beetle. Dark blue, white interior, eight-track player. Like any Beetle, the heat was irregular at best. It was hard to keep it off in the summer and on in the winter. The usual winter driving position for VW owners involved driving with one hand and scraping ice off the inside of the windshield with the other. One summer driving in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, it was 102° and the heat would not turn off. The plastic vents where the heat came out on the floor melted and ran into puddles on the floor."

—George J. Spilich
Professor and Chair
Department of Psychology

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We bought our first Bug in 1956, and our second in 1959. We drove that one until 1966. The Bugs were beauties. The only problem was the lack of a gas gauge. Owners were simply supposed to be smart enough to keep track of fuel needs. When the tank was down to its last gallon, the engine would begin to slow down, and very quickly before it died completely, the driver had to kick a lever on the floor to access the reserve supply. In heavy traffic this could be a frantic moment.

—Alice B. Baldwin
Tutorial Instructor
Writing Program

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"My first car was a white 1965 VW Beetle which I bought for $900 in 1969. It ran well most of the time, although it was temperamental in the rain. When it was wet, it sometimes refused to start. You could fix this by jiggling some wires under the hood. Or if that didn't work, you could release the emergency brake, put it in reverse, turn the ignition switch on and off, and pop the clutch, which would get the car backed out of the driveway. Fortunately, we lived on a hill and if you then got the car headed downhill and kept turning the ignition switch and popping the clutch it would eventually start.

In its later years, it developed a lot of rust spots so that it looked a little like a white ladybug with red rust spots on it."

—Linda Towne Cades '68
Director,
Center for Career Development

"My wife and I bought our VW in March of 1970 in Davis, California, for $700 just a couple of days before we got married. We then camped our way back to New England and New York to see family and to attend the wedding of my wife's brother in Philadelphia. On the way back to California, the engine died in Buffalo, Wyoming, where we camped for two days in a public park while waiting for a new engine to come up from Cody. We sold the car the following year for $500 to a visiting French teacher just before we left California for five years in France, where I began my teaching career."

—Thomas J. Cousineau
Professor of English

"We had not one but two VW Bugs. Our first was a 1961 Gulf Blue Beetle, purchased for what seemed a daunting price—$1,600. Aside from its quixotic heater and the necessity of guessing the state of the gas tank (it had no gauge), it was a reliable and economical car. That car unfortunately came to an unhappy end and we replaced it with what is still the Car of our Dreams: a VW Beetle convertible. We've never felt so in tune with a car since."

—Gail L. Tubbs
Tutorial Instructor, Writing Program

"I flipped my Beetle once on an icy road. There was my cute little beetle, up on its roof. It did kind of look like a little bug with its feet up in the air. My friends helped me flip it back over. It had a big pucker in the roof and the back window had popped out in one whole piece, but it started right up, I drove it home, we got the pucker fixed and popped the window right back in."

— Sara A. D. Martin
Switchboard Manager

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"In 1974, I bought a green 1966 VW Beetle with a 1968 engine—not uncommon in the '70s. Since rust was such a problem, my '66 Bug's floor on the passenger side was made of old welded-together license plates. I bought a second one—a '71. During a very rainy trip to Ocean City, I recall putting on the brakes and having water come rushing up under my feet. I later had a hole drilled in the back floor for drainage."

—Cindy Licata
Faculty Secretary

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"When I was 17, I drove my father's VW Bug, a 1979 baby blue convertible. It was the only reason I ever learned how to drive a stick! My father was fanatical about it—we stored it every winter, and it was meticulously cleaned and waxed every week. During my first year of college, my father had to sell the car to pay the tuition. The car got sold, I got a diploma, and every time I saw the car around town I would cry."

—Susan Haines
Bookstore Manager

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"Not too long after we were married in 1975, my wife Melissa inherited a Beetle. It was very old, and there had never been a car that looked as bad. The many dents and dull color presented a rather forlorn picture from the outside. Inside, the seats were almost worn out, and there were holes in the floorboard. One could literally see the highway from the floor of the car. We called this little gem our "auto da fé," which at the time we thought to be terribly clever, since the reference is to Act III Scene ii of Verdi's "Don Carlo" and we could relate the car to one of our favorite opera scenes. Also, of course, one had to be a heretic with a great deal of nerve even to get inside our VW! It truly was an act of faith to drive the thing!"

—Garry E. Clarke
Professor of Music

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"I've had Volkswagen Beetles for more than 20 years. The most unusual feature was on the 1964 model. It had an extra pulley wheel on the fly wheel with a notch in it. I was supplied with a rope knotted at one end and a wooden handle at the other. The idea was to wind the rope around the pulley wheel and pull it to start if the battery was dead. It was somewhat like starting an older lawn mower. I only tried it a time or two, and it worked. A VW Bug mechanic in Easton said that, in all his experience, he had never seen another VW with that extra pulley wheel."

—Donald M. Chatellier
Business Manager, Sho'men Club

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"When I was a junior in Elkton High School in 1975, I purchased a used yellow VW Bug with the black convertible top. I loved it very much. It was a fun car to have as a teenager working in Ocean City. I remember decorating it to transport my high school's Homecoming Queen, and riding down Main Street in Newark, Delaware with the top down on the first warm day of spring."

—Cynthia Gerres
Summer Conferences ▶

A version of this article first appeared in The Collegian, a monthly student publication edited by Jen Ward '98. Jen, who graduated in May with a degree in English, has accepted a position with the Custom Publishing Department at Time-Life Books in Alexandria, VA.

Karen Johnson '68 (far left) and Glen Shipway '65 were tapped to help lead Washington College into the next century. Both previously served on the Visiting Committee.

Johnson, Shipway Elected To Board

ALUMNI ELECTED a medical oncologist and a stock market executive to serve on the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors. Karen Johnson '68, the recipient of the 1997 Alumni Citation for Excellence in Medicine, and Glen Shipway '65, who is credited with righting the course of the NASDAQ exchange, begin their six-year terms on the Board effective July 1.

Johnson recently transferred from the National Cancer Institute to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, MD, where she is the lead medical reviewer for applications pursuing the prevention of cancer with pharmacological agents. Johnson, the daughter of Audrey Clough Johnson '38 of Rock Hall, MD, participated in Washington College activities growing up and took courses there as a local high school student. "As an alumna, I benefit from the College as a center that offers a variety of enriching opportunities to an ever wider community of individuals. I believe that it is important to perpetuate the spirit, service and traditions of Washington College."

Shipway is Senior Vice President of the NASDAQ stock market in New York City, responsible for the Trading and Market Operations. He has returned to campus on several occasions to talk with students interested in the stock market and careers in the securities industry.

"I attribute much of my success to the start I got from Washington College and largely through the efforts of Coach Athey my education was paid for through a scholarship," says Shipway.

"When I graduated, I set a goal to repay that debt. Now, I welcome the opportunity to contribute in a different way as a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors."

They succeed two retiring alumni representatives, Brian Kehoe '69 and Jane Bradley Lowe '53.

The Board of Visitors and Governors is charged with overall governance of the College. Twelve members are appointed by the Governor of Maryland, twelve are elected by the Board and twelve are nominated and elected by alumni at-large. The President of the College serves as the 37th member of the Board. Nominations for alumni trustees should be mailed to the Washington College Alumni Council in care of the Alumni Office.

1998-99 Washington College Alumni Council

At the 1998 Alumni Association Annual Business Meeting, alumni at-large approved the following slate for 1998-99 Council membership:

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90s Max B. Walton '95

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Kerchner Is Named Distinguished Teacher

MICHAEL Kerchner, associate professor of psychology, was presented with the Alumni Association Award for Distinguished Teaching as part of commencement ceremonies.

In 1994, the Alumni Association assumed responsibility for funding the traditional distinguished teaching award when the Lindback Foundation awards were restricted to New Jersey institutions. The Distinguished Teaching Award now is endowed by gifts from alumni in honor of their most influential college professors.

Kerchner, who joined the faculty in 1991, directs the College's behavioral neuroscience program. He involves his students in various research projects with applications in pharmacology, genetics, and substance abuse. Some of his students, for instance, are investigating the effects of maternal stress on the development of mice pups. Others examine the behavior of mice pups whose mothers have been addicted to cocaine. They are performing surgeries and doing research normally reserved for graduate school.

Kerchner is a member of Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) and Project Kaleidoscope, a national alliance dedicated to strengthening the undergraduate science and mathematics community.

"His selection for this award is in recognition of a teacher profile that stresses teaching innovations—particularly using scientific technology—in combination with a caring, student-oriented, student-intensive approach that we have always considered to be the mainstay of a Washington College education," remarked Joachim Scholz, Provost and Dean of the College.

Boat Cruises Planned For Summer 1999

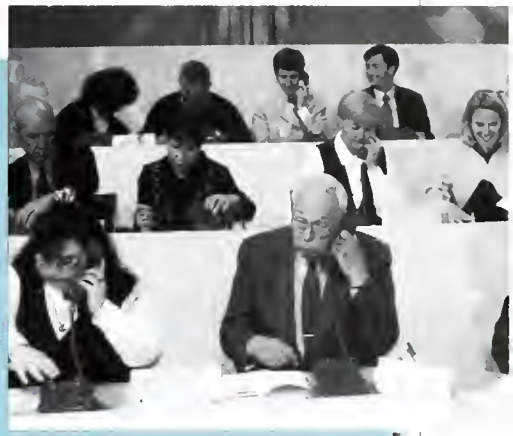
DUE TO overwhelming demand for boat cruises during this Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Office is offering extended river cruises for next year. Captain Andy McCown '76, director of the Echo Hill Outdoor School, will run three-day educational cruises for alumni aboard two historic Chesapeake vessels. The skipjack *Elsworth* and buyboat *Annie D.* will depart Chestertown on Sunday, May 23, 1999.

The cruises will allow alumni to take an in-depth look at the science and ecology of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries while learning the heritage and folklore of the Bay. Alumni and their families (children must be at least 10 years old) will sail and pilot the grand boats, explore isolated marshes in smaller tenders, catch fish, tong for oysters, prepare meals on board, sleep on deck and learn first-hand about the life that is unique to the Chesapeake Bay.

The cost is $350 per person. Contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7846 for more details.

OUTREACH

WC On MPT



The television debut of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter with Washington College faculty and students served to promote three great Maryland institutions—Washington College, Maryland Public Television and Louis L. Goldstein '35, long-time Comptroller for the State of Maryland. Volunteers from Washington College, including President John Toll, Mr. Goldstein, and Professor George Spilich, went on the air to receive and record pledges to MPT on March 14th. "This was a great opportunity for Washington College to support educational television programming," noted Trams Hollingsworth, director of Alumni Affairs, "while also getting our name out in front of a statewide audience."

CELEBRATIONS

College Commemorates 60 Years Of ODK

Six decades have gone by, but the values of Omicron Delta Kappa—character, scholarship, leadership, and service—have endured. Two of the inaugural members of Washington College's Alpha Psi Circle of ODK, the Honorable Marvin H. Smith '37 and Dr. Charles B. Clark '34, were among the ODK alumni who returned to campus in April. The current ODK leadership, Natalie Smith '98, Bradd Burkhart '98 and Edward Geisweidt '98, pictured here with their adviser, Dr. Linda Towne Cades '68, invited their alumni colleagues for a dinner and program with Story Musgrave, veteran NASA astronaut and ODK member. Upon receiving his honorary Doctor of Science degree, Story Musgrave said he was looking forward to all the perks of being an alumnus: receiving the *Washington College Magazine*, supporting Washington College, and returning for Reunions.

Reunion's BIG Event

MORE THAN 700 ALUMNI and friends dined and danced *al fresco* at what was billed as "The Big Event," the climatic conclusion to Alumni Reunion Weekend. President John Toll's address was punctuated by a fireworks display courtesy of Professor John Conkling '65 and then everyone rushed to the dance floor. Pictured clockwise from top left: Steve Sandebeck '73 stole the show from The Rhondels; Tom Polvinale '70 danced with daughter Kristina '98; the class of 20?? did the macarena; President Toll took a spin with senior class president Brigid Kolish; classmates Daphne Hanks deGuerre and Carlton Cropper made the years disappear at their 25th reunion; and Sue Dunning Matthews '75 entertained during the cocktail hour.

1934

OMAR J. CAREY
is living in Melbourne, FL, with his wife Marie. They celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on May 30, 1998.

1937

THE HONORABLE MARVIN SMITH
attended the 60th anniversary of the Alpha Psi Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa at Washington College in March 1998.

1938

ALMA ALTFATHER
enjoys writing and expects to find subjects of interest that will keep her busy.

CHARLES BENHAM
writes of his experience at WC, "Fortunately, I had learned in class and on campus at Washington College, how to deal with everything except false modesty."

LUTHER BERGDALL
is a retired social worker, and since 1981 has been traveling, relaxing and enjoying good health.

ELIZABETH WESTCOTT BRYAN
is the mother of three children and four grandchildren. She writes, "We are kept busy with our home in Chestertown and the farm on the Sassafras River, which my mother left us. Nice being back home."

MARGARET WALTERS CARROLL
is a retired teacher living in Easton, MD. She is active in church, hospital auxiliary, women's club, travel, ten elderhostels in Ocean City, MD, and "keeping busy with friends and family. But now we are growing old and slowing down."

ELLWOOD TYLOR CLAGGETT
writes that he is "still hanging in there at the age of eighty."

WILLIAM F. DOERING
actively pursues his three hobbies — wine, food, and jazz — taking advantage of the multitudinous opportunities in the Metro Washington area. He is an amateur chef and belongs to seven wine and gourmet organizations, two of which are in France. In the latter part of his USDA career, he was a wine trade specialist and has published numerous articles on wine. He has an extensive jazz record collection, plays the vibraphone at home (self-taught) and enjoys jazz concerts in the area. He reads five wine journals published in four countries in three languages.

POLLY TAYLOR HORNER
is volunteering at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, taking her English setter to the Maryland Masonic Homes in the Pets on Wheels Program, and winning medals at the Maryland Senior Olympics in Towson in the javelin throw, the softball throw, and the long jump. She is a retired English professor at The Johns Hopkins University. She celebrated her 80th birthday in February 1998 with her family. A nephew gave her a medal that said, "I've Survived Damn Near Everything" and she thinks she has and writes, "but it has been a great adventure and I wouldn't change any of it."

HELEN SHALLCROSS
continues to be active in the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, a member of their administrative board, the United Methodist Women, and teaches an adult bible class. She is also a trustee of the Upper Shore Mental Health Center in Chestertown.

NORMAN W. SHORB
keeps busy by playing golf, reading, being an active member in the Lions Club, and spending his winters in Florida at a country club settlement.

Three women who have made a difference in the past and future of Washington College—(from left) Ellen Bordley Schottland '42, Dorothy Williams Daly '38, and Ann Hollingsworth McLain '40—were photographed at Hynson-Ringgold House during Reunion 1998. The tennis pavilion under construction is a gift from the Ken and Ellen Schottland family. Dorothy Daly and her late husband Ken Daly gave the campus its newest classroom building, Daly Hall. Former First Lady Ann McLain established an endowed chair for environmental studies in honor of her late husband, former chemistry professor and College president Dr. Joseph H. McLain '37.

HAZEL LYNCH SMITH
spends a lot of time as chauffeur for her nine- and thirteen-year-old grandchildren — to team practices, to dental appointments, to school after missed buses — you name it! The rest of the time is spent on her knees weeding flower beds.

DOLLY McCOOL THORNTON
is living in Westminster Village in Dover, DE, and enjoying life as a grandparent.

HILDA OTT MICARI
reports that she is active in a lot of philanthropic work, serves on various boards and still keeps in touch with many of her classmates from Washington College.

PHILIP HICKMAN
is retired from Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc. after a 44-year career. He and his wife Peggy are moving to a retirement community in Laguna Hills, CA, which will put them close to their daughter who lives close to Los Angeles.

LORRAINE PINK EVANS
has traveled to the west coast of South America.

CARRIE E. SCHREIBER
has been active in Kent County community affairs, the Women's Democratic Club, of which she was the president for two years, and the Historical Society, in which she served as a co-chair for the Chestertown Candle-

light Tour, worked on the tour, and was vice president and president.

1940

MILTON F. V. GLOCK, SR.
is celebrating 50 years as a member of the American Chemical Society.

WILLIAM H. JONES,
a retired chemical engineer, and his wife Kay, a retired school teacher, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a cruise to the Far East. The couple were married on February 14, 1943 in Memphis, TN, and now live in Boise, ID. Their son, Dr. R. Martin Jones, and his wife live in Springfield, MO.

1948

ROBERT ALLEN BALDWIN
returned to Chestertown in 1991 and spends a lot of time gardening, playing bridge, hunting and fishing. His oldest of ten grandchildren is currently in college at Trinity in Ireland.

ANNE E. BURRIS
has been enjoying life on the Eastern Shore or as she puts it, "life in the fast lane - south on Route 213 from Kennedyville to my favorite *alma mater* and various and sundry other places. And then north on Route 213 again."

JOCELYN "DEW" JAMES BUTLER
is teaching the home-bound, sick children. She and her husband George live in an old stone house, vintage 1851, which sits in the middle of 36 rolling acres. The Mason-Dixon Line runs through their property where they also have an old barn, a horse, a pony, some dogs, and cats.

WAYNE A. CAWLEY, JR.
still resides in the home where he was born. The title most important to him was being a farmer. He and his wife Barb have five children and ten grandchildren. They've been married 51 years.

MARGOT ALBINSON CONNELLEE
enjoys the beach, playing bridge, travel and contact over these 50 years with fellow classmates Barbara Oelschlaeger '48, Grace McCool '48, Lois Rook '48, Nancy Conant '48 and others. She served two terms on the WC Alumni Council and has enjoyed working on the Reunion. She has never *ever* moved from Elkton, MD but writes "that's OK now."

ROLAND REECE COREY, JR.
is living on a family farm near Chestertown and writes "I now mow grass and watch corn grow."

DON DERHAM
is co-president of the Kent and Queen Anne's County Alumni Chapter and has chaired his 1948 Reunion Class.

JACKIE HECK FEELEY
writes "I love retirement but look back on the past 50 years with satisfaction and pride. My major pride and joy are my sons and daughter and six grandchildren. We've had many challenges, lots of fun and deep grief in our 50 years . . . . I swim three days a week, Jack plays golf a couple of times a week, we garden and travel some. Mostly we count our blessings here in Charlotte, NC. Y'all come down and see us now y'heah!!"

WILLIAM F. GRAY
is enjoying retirement and writes "we come back every year in May to Chestertown to bring back memories of Washington College."

JESSE H. GREEN, JR.
has had the opportunity to try many things since retirement which do not pay — hardware store clerk, TV cameraman for a church program, gardening, volunteer at Longwood Gardens, some

B I R T H S

To Pam and Eric Ciganek '74, a son, James Stevens Charles, on April 7, 1998. He was named Charles, because he was born on the 650th anniversary of Charles University Medical School in Prague where Eric received his doctorate of general medicine. The president of the university, Karel Maly, has agreed to be Jamie's godfather.

To Tom '78 and Mimi Gugerty '79 Wood, a daughter, Mary James Wood, on November 9, 1997. Jamesy joins big sister Glenn, age 9, and brother Gregory, age 6.

To Rita McWilliams '80 and Richard Messick, twins, Julia and Will Messick, on February 11, 1998. They join their sister, Maria Louise, age 3.

To Sally Motycka '83 and husband William Foster, a son, MacKenzie Foster, on December 8, 1996.

To Eleanor Todd Collyer '85 and husband Jeffrey, twin girls, Samantha and Elizabeth, on December 18, 1997.

To Harry "Chip" Bullen '86 and wife Jeannie, a son, Tucker James Bullen, on September 11, 1996. Tucker joins his brother Hale Bullen IV.

To Pete Shafer '86 and Cassie Hatfield Shafer '88, a son, Spencer George Shafer, on April 8, 1998. Spencer joins older brother Reid, age 3.

To Sue De Pasquale '87 and husband John Musachio '87, Matthew John Musachio, born June 6, 1998. Matthew joins brother Benjamin, age 3.

To Mary Brown Lester '87 and husband Mike, a daughter, Abigail Rose Lester, on April 14, 1998.

To Kay Montgomery Knopf '88 and husband Jamie, a son, Nicholas Cannon, August 22, 1997. He joins big brother J.P., 5, and big sister Katelyn, 2.

To Hilary Scheer '88 and Rick Gerhardt '89, a son, Richard Julian Gerhardt, on April 17, 1998.

To Mike '90 and Kathy '92 Jenkens, a son, Jack Matthew, on February 24, 1998. Jack joins sister, Kelsey Taylor, age three and a half.

To Gregory '90 and Rina Terry '90, a son, Alexander Martin Terry, on May 7, 1997. Alexander joins his sister, Anna, who will be 3 in July.

To Elizabeth Speer Sabella '91 and husband John, a daughter, Sarabeth Lindsay Sabella, on November 24, 1997.

To Rich Gardener '92 and wife, Kristen, a son, Joshua Hayes Gardiner, on April 24, 1998.

To Dawn Manion Patin '93 and her husband Duane, a daughter, Savannah Lee, on April 25, 1998.

To Jennifer Ruppert Winters '93 and husband Jim, a son, Ashton James Winters, on March 4, 1998.

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silversmithing, blacksmithing, and some Nantucket baskets.

LOUISE AMES HARRISON
and her husband Powell '49 attend the theater often, play bridge with friends and neighbors, and even work out at the local YMCA. She writes "we also notice that we get sleepy a lot earlier than we used to. Wonder why?"

ARNIE "BECK" HAYES
is retired and lives on his small farm in Westminster, MD, and continues to work with children. He writes that "every day is Saturday."

PHYLLIS MCMILLAN HEBERLING
is past president of the Virginia Speech Communication Association, now the Virginia Association of Communication Arts and Sciences, and the Institute for Learning in Retirement and is active in Toastmasters, the Clean Community Commission, the Swedish/American Society, and has been to twelve Elderhostels so far. She has 15 grandchildren and lives in Virginia Beach, VA.

TOM HOPKINS
is a retired biologist since 1986 and writes "so many things to do now I should go back to work for a rest."

HARRIET OEIBEL HUNTER
still substitute teaches Sunday School and works on her doll houses of different periods in history.

LORRAINE HANCOCK LITTLETON
is involved with church, clubs, and the community. Her volunteer work keeps her "busy, interested, and up-to-date."

CLAYTON MCGRAN
is the assistant director of "Juno and the Paycheck" presently playing at the Actor's Studio in Austin, TX.

BARBARA EVANS OELSCHLAGER
is enjoying retirement with her husband. They take day trips and visit their children.

LOIS KOONTZ ROOK
enjoys long walks, gardening, playing bridge, and reading.

JOHN RUSSELL
is retired from the General Electric Co.

MARILOU CHENOWITH SINCLAIR
has enjoyed traveling from Florida to California and cruises to the Caribbean, but now prefers to enjoy home and health.

KIRBY L. SMITH
loves to garden and read.

Old friends and loyal alumni Donald "Dutch" Smith '42, Jean Messick '43 and Walt Brandt '42 were photographed at Hynson-Ringgold House during Reunion 1998. Walt Brandt remarked: "Washington College reunions are great times to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. This was the biggest and best reunion ever and I would encourage all alumni to participate."

JANE BROOKS SPRINKLE
is living in Kent County on a family farm.

BETTY PAYNE SYLVESTER
is looking forward to spending two weeks in the Provence region of France in the fall with her husband Bill.

VIRGINIA GILL TRUAX
does part-time work at Holy Sacrament Episcopal Church as a counselor and support group coordinator.

1951

LAWRENCE S. WESTCOTT
represented Washington College at the inauguration of Mary Pat Seurkamp as the eleventh president of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

1956

JENNIFER DOBBS SHAALAN
returned from two weeks' vacation in China. During the trip she donated about 200 photos to Beijing University taken by her grandfather, who was the first chemistry professor at Yenching University.

JOHN RICHEY
writes "although the Social Security statement has arrived, and I now get a free bus pass and an English pension too, we have not thought seriously about retirement at such an early age. So, we carry on and look for another landmark whenever that is. Our contact coordinates remain the same for all who may transit London. To our delight and pride, our son Tarek should receive his WC degree in May, an excellent reason to visit Chestertown again. Panna and I are eager to experience another holiday weekend at the Parker House."

1957

BERT LEDERER
is enjoying the great Northwest, fun-filled days seeing life through the eyes of grandchildren, volunteer teaching for AARP, church work, and taking a couple of theology courses.

1958

ARNOLD STEIN
retired from GE-Lockheed/Martin in November 1996 and has since been doing volunteer work and helping coach the Coatesville (PA) High School girl's softball team. He is still playing fast pitch softball.

1960

BINNIE BAILEY
completed 12 months of volunteer work for Chessie Racing, the Baltimore/Annapolis entry in the Whitbread 60 'round the world sailing race. She traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL, for the start of Leg 7, and was active in the incredible stop in Baltimore prior to the start of Leg 8 from Annapolis to France. Binnie writes that she "worked hard, but had fun and met a terrific group of people."

JIM HANO
claims to be the only Washington College graduate with his name on the moon. Having worked on the Apollo Program for MIT/Instrumentation Laboratory several years ago, Jim and his fellow engineers signed a document commemorating the work which was left on the moon by the Apollo 11 mission, the first Lunar landing. Jim has a copy of the document for "show and tell," so next time you visit Boston come see him.

MARTHA JEWETT
will retire in May 1998 after 27 years with Carrier Corporation in the San Francisco Bay area. She's looking forward to spending time traveling, on the golf course and tennis courts, and doing volunteer work. She may take a trip back to the East Coast during the summer.

1962

KEN ARNOLD
retired from Continental Airlines and the family is moving from Vienna, VA, back to Seattle, their favorite town in the whole USA. Ken writes that is "where the best sailing is for us. It's going to be our last move, we hope!" Ken may be reached at ritenrite@aol.com.

NANCY THRASHER CHERRY
meets with classmates annually on the day before Palm Sunday. This year, she and classmates Jean Edwards '62, Joyce Walmsley Pepper '62, and Bonnie Mohney Locke '62 met in St. Michaels, MD. Last year they were joined by Dee Dee Pannell '61, Judie Carr Peterson '62, and Judie's daughter Amy.

1967

EO ATHEY
was profiled in the Chesapeake Business Ledger as president and CEO of Fleetwood, Athey, Macbeth & McCown, Inc. with offices in Chestertown and Seaford, DE, as H.M. James, Inc.

Lisa P. Turner has been promoted to director, human resources at Sensormatic Electronics Corporation in Boca Raton, FL. Lisa is also the first woman to construct, complete, and test fly a Pulsar XP 160 mph 2-person aircraft. She built it in her garage over a 20-month period and now has over 60 flight hours on it. Lisa has been the subject of articles in *SkyStar News*, *The Palm Beach Post*, *AOPA Pilot*, and *Kitplanes*, and will be featured in upcoming issues of *Woman Pilot* and *Custom Planes*.

1968

JINX GOLLAM
is living in New Hampshire and is working for the state while pursuing studies in medical transcription.

BOB MANNING
is professor and chair in the School of Natural Resources at the University of Vermont (UVM), specializing in the history, philosophy and management of national parks. He is on sabbatical at Yosemite National Park, where he's doing research and writing. Bob's wife, Martha Sansbury Manning '68, received a degree in studio art from UVM last year and is overwhelmed by the beauty of Yosemite. Their daughters Amy, 22 and Molly, 20 are finishing their undergraduate years at UVM and Macalester College, respectively. Bob and Martha live in Burlington, VT.

1969

LORRAINE POLVINALE
has been appointed assistant head of school and head of the upper school at Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, MD. Prior to the appointment, Lorraine served (with distinction) as the head of the middle school since 1992 and was chair of the foreign language department and an upper school teacher for 21 years.

1972

PEGGY BRADFORD DONALD
writes: "I was privileged to represent Washington College on April 18th at the inauguration of Dr. Ervin J. Rokke, the new president of Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA. Wearing once again the WC cap, gown and burgundy-trimmed hood, I marched 8th in a group of some 80 delegates all arranged in order of the founding date of their colleges and universities. We listened to interesting and occasionally funny speeches and then marched out into a glorious day to descend on an outdoor spread of delicious food."

NANCY NORWOOD
reports that she and Elizabeth are writing a subscription quarterly newsletter, "Great and Simple Gifts," for people with disabilities and those who care for them. The newsletter includes feature topics, interesting and helpful product information, stories of "our own experiences, and commentary on issues." The newsletter costs $10 for family and $25 for agencies and may be ordered at g&sgifts@mail.cun.net.

President Toll went Hollywood, Planet Hollywood that is, when he dined with several alumni in California. Pictured with Toll (left to right) are: Matt Kelly '90, Mary Widdifield '89, Katie Degentesh '95 and Brian Matheson '95.

1973

JACK COPELAND
has spent the past 25 years working around the world as a ski instructor. For the past eight years, until his recent promotion to general manager of Skier Services, he was the ski and snowboard school director at Mammouth Mountain, CA.

JOHN TANSEY
has a new job with Constellation Senior Services in Columbia, MD, which provides assisted care living facilities.

1974

JOE GETTY
gave the Lincoln Day Address to a full chamber during a Monday evening session of the Maryland House of Delegates in February.

1975

MATTHEW CLARK
has a new business in Chestertown, Kent Cabinetry, located at 109 Flatland Road. His company built the vanities, computer desks and window sills for Harford Hall, the new residence hall on campus.

CHARLIE SCARLETT
and wife Dale Eberlein '78 are living just west of Chicago in Wheaton, IL, with their two boys, Will, eight, and Jes, two. Dale is chairing a Christian women's organization. Charlie is president of Explorer Shipping Corp., an expedition cruise line owned by Abercrombie & Kent, with programs in Antarctica, the Amazon, and North Atlantic. Charlie writes: "It's a fascinating job, and it has kept the whole family traveling in high style."

1977

KEVIN J. MURPHY
has been named as Upper School Head at The Boys' Latin School of Maryland in Baltimore. He will assume the post on July 1, 1998 in preparation for the 1998-1999 school year.

1978

MARY ELLEN AIKEN LYMAN
is a middle school counselor in Lake Havasu City, AZ, where she, her husband and son have lived since 1981. She is president-elect of the Arizona School Counselors Association, and in 1996 was named Arizona Middle School Counselor of the Year. The family lives on a 500-acre private reservoir they share with burros, coyotes, bunnies, the occasional big-horn sheep, and a pair of bald eagles. Their nearest human neighbor lives about seven miles away. Mary Ellen says that she would "love to hear from my fellow alumni who are in education, especially Judy Mills '77 and Mark Luff '78 and Jo Driscoll Jackson '78. I can be reached via e-mail at azscarpres2000@hotmail.com."

EDWARD J. WATSON, JR.
has been working as an ob-gyn physician in private practice in Orlando, FL, since 1983.

1979

STEVEN J. DICKERSON
has joined the board of trustees at Salem Community College in New Jersey. He is assistant controller at Franklin Savings Bank in Salem.

RICHARD GRAY
is president of Financial Conservator Inc. Since 1985, with a team of researchers, he has helped the State of Maryland recover millions of dollars hidden or squandered during the savings and loan crisis.

BILL SKELTON III
and wife Susan Wooden '80 relocated to Omaha, NE, with their two sons, in a March snowstorm. The move was due to Bill's promotion to general manager of the Weyerhauser Containerboard plant in Omaha. Susan hopes to teach and/or tutor high school chemistry.

1980

STEVE HENKE
is living with his wife Lisa and their two children Laura, 8, and Alex, 5, in Franklin, TN, just south of Nashville. Steve is

Jeannie Merrick Maddux '82 and her husband Tom, a tormer member of the Board of Trustees for the Living Classrooms Foundation, took a two-hour cruise aboard the "Chessie Racing," Maryland's entry in the Whitbread race in April, just a few days before the sailing boats left Baltimore for France. The Madduxes were the guests of James Bond, president of the Living Classrooms Foundation with which the couple has been altiliated for the past 10 years. After the nine-month race, the boat will will donated to the Living Classrooms Foundation. Using its Fells Point instructional facilities and boats like the Lady Maryland and the skipjack Sigsbee, the Foundation introduces Baltimore City children to the Chesapeake Bay.

CEO of Aegis Marketing Group, Inc., a healthcare communications and business development firm. Reach him at shenke@aegisgroup.com.

1981

GLEN BEEBE
has been elected chairman of the New Jersey Commemorative Coin Commission, which will come up with the concept/design ideas for the back of the State quarter for 1999. Each state will design the back of a U.S. minted quarter from 1999 through 2009 in the order in which the states ratified the Constitution.

M '82

MICHAEL KERSTETER
has been named executive director of People's Place II, a multifaceted community service organization in Milford, DE, that serves people in Kent and Sussex counties.

1983

SALLY MOTYCKA
is teaching art and photography at Yarmouth High School in Yarmouth, ME. She and her family survived the 1998 ice storm, but had no power or water for 16 days in rural Poland, ME, where they live on 28 acres with their 16 sled dogs.

1984

JEANMARIE ALLS
student-taught in French and Spanish last fall, and received her teacher certification. She is now seeking a position.

RICHARD MILLER
completed his master's of science in information science at Penn State University and will be joining ISCG, a software development and consulting firm. He writes: "My wife Claire and I enjoy our boat *Serendipity*, and we will be starting our third session on the Sassafras River in Georgetown this summer."

PETER MORGAN
is vice president of Pearless Heater Company, a leading manufacturer of boilers in North America. Peter is living in Ridgewood, NJ, with his wife Maureen, their five-year-old daughter Spencer and two-year-old son, Corey. He writes, "We all made it down to the alumni baseball game and had a great time. Coach Athey and Al look great! Wish more of the guys could get back for this fun event."

1985

DR. PATRICK WALSH
is finishing his fifth year of residency at Duke University. The first two years were in general surgery and the last three have been in urology. This July he will start as Chief Resident and is considering practicing in Wrightsville Beach, NC. Patrick and his wife Inglis have two dogs. Patrick offers his assistance to any from WC interested in a medical career.

1986

SUE CUPKA COLLINS
is a documentation manager at CMSI in Columbia, MD. Interested tech writers should visit their web site at cmsinc.com and e-mail a resume. Sue also is training for her first 5K race this spring and recently visited with Lauren Ebaugh Halterman '87, Libby Jaeger Marchetti '85,

The informal reunions of four Zetas get bigger every year as their families grow. Pictured here at the home of Libby Jaeger Marchetti '85 are: her sons Nico and Dominic, Alexandra and Riley (children of Lauren Ebaugh Halterman '87 and Chuck Halterman '89), Michael and Matthew (sons of Ellen Hennessey Arthur '86), and Daniel and Michael (sons of Sue Cupka Collins '86 and Dave Collins '84).

MARRIAGES

Patrick Walsh '85 to Inglis Fletcher Baum on January 31, 1998 in Chapel Hill, NC. The couple honeymooned at The Bitter End Yacht Club in The British Virgin Islands.

Joseph M. Van Name '90 to Elizabeth A. Bingham on October 11, 1997 at Lithonia First Methodist Church in Lithonia, GA. John Dorr '91 was in attendance. After a two-week honeymoon in Europe, Joe and Liz are living in Alexandria, VA.

Gavin Connolly '91 to Jennifer Thomas on December 20, 1997. The couple honeymooned in Australia for three weeks.

Catherine Blair '95 to Michael Shane Reilly on September 27, 1997 at Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in West River, MD. Bridesmaids were Mary Price Wick '95, Sarah White '94, and Alicia Carberry '95.

Traci Lyn Castello 93 to Jeffery Mark Stanley on Friday, October 3, 1997 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Dover, DE. Washington College alumni attendees were Natalie M. Guiberson '94 (Maid of Honor), Michelle Crosier '94 (Bridesmaid), Miriam Jecelin Mullin '93 (Bridesmaid), Chris Castello, Kathy Brewster Jenkens '92, Mike Jenkens '90, Shannon Cupka '92, Karen Scott '94, Dennis Kelleher '93, P.J. Mullin '94, Tina Rively Allen '93, Christy Harris Weer '93, Franci Green '94 and Laura Heidel '94.

Erica Munske '88 to John Wileman on Saturday, February 14, 1998 in the Great Choir of Washington National Cathedral. WC alumni in attendance included Virginia Nolan '87, Rita Brigman McGuane '88, Leslie d'Ablemont Feeley '88, Lela Kempe Ogden '88, and Paula Pisciotta Devine '88. The couple honeymooned on Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands.

Ellen Hennessey Arthur '86, and their eight children. Paula Miller '86, if you read this, please send your new address.

DAVE CROWLEY
moved to the Washington, DC, area to head up the reporting group in the Finance Office of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. This summer he plans to visit Paula Miller '86 who is serving in the Peace Corps in Poland. Old friends can e-mail him at CrowFlyz@aol.com. He writes: "Mary Brown '87: are you still in Hawaii?"

MARY ELLEN LARRIMORE, MA '88
has been selected to do a presentation at a national conference in Phoenix, AZ, for the American Association of Community Colleges/Network (Workforce Development Project). Her talk, "Partnerships that Work: Building Programs Based on Job Availability," considers national welfare reform issues.

REBECCA SMITH ROTHENHOEFER
is a mother of two, Tori, six, and Molly, four, and works part-time as the Training Director of Fredericktown Bank & Trust. She will be assisting an affiliate bank by selling a mutual fund-based asset allocation product until the current sales person returns from maternity leave. She writes, "I would love to hear from some old WC friends; send me an e-mail at BeccaRob@aol.com."

PETE SHAFER
is a director at The Hawthorn Group in Alexandria, VA, leading the consulting teams working on Sony Electronics, P&G and Scientific Games. He is also a football official in the ECAC and the ACC. He writes that his wife Cassie '88 has left the sales department at Turf Valley Hotel & Country Club. They live in Towson, MD, with their two sons, Spencer and Reid.

1987

LEE BOWEN KELLEHER
and husband Brian Kelleher '88 are living in Lynchburg, VA, with their young daughters Maggie and Burke. Brian is the owner of his own business, Industrial Rubber.

LAURA BROWN DEEN
is enjoying Florida life. She is staying at home with her son Lee, 4, and she and her husband Riley are expecting another baby in August. Laura teaches piano and does some substitute teaching in the public schools. She talks regularly with Lisa Wunderlich Taylor '87, Ruth Davidson Schaller '88, and Janet Simms '87. She sends a special "hello" to Jennifer Leach '87 — call or write! Also a special "hello" to George Small '89.

LAUREN EBAUGH HALTERMAN
is the Associate Director of Development for Information Services at Washington College. She and Chuck Halterman '89 have two children, Alexandra, 3, and Riley, 18 months. Chuck is a salesman with Annapolis Paint Company in Easton, MD. They both love living in Ches-

tertown and welcome "all of the old KA's and ZTA's to come visit." E-mail Lauren at lauren.halterman@washcoll.edu.

TONY SILVIA
received his master's of science degree in aquatic entomology from Virginia Tech in 1990 and is employed as the regional biologist for the Tidewater office of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality. He plays guitar with both the folk group of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Virginia Beach, and a local guitar duo known as The Rhythm Method, who have made TV appearances and have recorded a CD. Tony lives in Virginia Beach with his two dogs, a cat, and an assortment of snakes.

1988

AMY BOOR CHASE
and husband Bryce '89 are keeping busy with their two sons, Bryce, age three and a half, and Court, age two, and enjoying every minute.

AL HEPTING
has been named to the board of the John Locke Philosophical Society.

LAURA KERBIN
completed her residency in internal medicine last June and is an oncology fellow at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA.

ERIN PATTERSON LYNCH
is working for the American Red Cross. As a result of super typhoon Paka, her most recent assignment was to Aguana Guam. She is also a member of the newly developed National Red Cross Aviation Incident Response Team, which responds to aviation crashes and manages ARC relief efforts. She and her husband Tom celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary with daughter Bridget Magee, two.

AMY MALKUS
has been named the U.S. collaborator on an international research project investigating the environmental experiences and attitudes of young people in the Asia-Pacific basin. Amy is working as an assistant professor in the Department of Human Development at Washington State University in Pullman, WA. She may be reached at malkus@mail.wsu.edu.

ERICA MUNSKE
is the coordinator of Annual Programs for Washington National Cathedral. She recently was married to John Wileman, who is a cartographer. They live in Tacoma Park, MD.

DR. HAROLD SPANGLER
is working in private practice and is living in beautiful North Carolina with his wife Suzanne.

MIKE WOODFOLK
is director of Alumni Affairs at St. Anne's Belfield School in Charlottesville, VA. His wife, Judith, works at the University of Virginia Medical Center in allergy research.

1989

JOHN GWYNNEDD OWEN
and his wife Barbara Wetherald Owen each have received graduate degrees. John was awarded a master's of business administration and Barbara was awarded a master's degree in public health (with honors).

DAVE PUSKAR
has worked for Beneficial Mortgage Corp. since 1989 and has been promoted to director of human resources. Dave also is pursuing a master's degree at Western Connecticut State University.

DAWN DAMS SAVAGE
and husband Eric have relocated from Boston, MA, to Baltimore, MD, and are buying a house in the historic district of Annapolis. Dawn is teaching 8th grade in Anne Arundel County Public Schools and Eric is a pilot flying with United Airlines.

1990

TRACEY COLEMAN WILLIAMS
is a special education teacher at Queen Anne County High School teaching English and biology to learning disabled students.

1991

TAMARA BRAUNSTEIN
is back in the U.S. after seven years in Freiburg, Germany, where she received her master's degree and interned at the U.S. Embassy in Bonn. She is now at the Metropolitan Museum in New York City still wondering what to do with her life. E-mail her at tamarabraunstein@gte.net.

GAVIN CONNOLLY
is a Police officer for the New Castle County (DE) Police Department. He recently was married to Jennifer Thomas.

JEN HANNUM
has traded in her bikini for a pair of longjohns and has returned to the East Coast. She is attending the University of Rhode Island and is studying for her master's degree in Marine Affairs (which, she reports, is ocean-related and not affairs with the U.S. Marines). She also has been dragged kicking and screaming into the '90s and finally got an e-mail address. She may be reached at jhan0812@uriacc.uri.edu.

SUZANNE HEWES
has been appointed Baltimore Alumni Chapter president.

KEN HUTCHINS
is teaching physical science at Polytech High School in Delaware. Ken received his master's degree in in-school administra-

Prince Tobias of the Manor "Toby," is shown here modeling his Washington College apparel in honor of his master, Matthew Sipala '98. Matt graduated this May with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

tion and received a grant from Bell Atlantic for $35,000 to set up a science technology lab at his school.

RENEE N. KING
was promoted to assistant manager, Field Services of the U.S. Clinical Quality Assurance Department of the IBAH, a clinical research organization. Renee is responsible for managing a staff of 12 employees and contract auditors. She still travels quite a bit, and logged three trips to California in one month.

KYNDRA PONDER
continues to work as a critical care nurse in Shock Trauma at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, MD. She has been there for four years, and writes that she has "played around at a couple of different jobs." She works in critical care ground transport as an RN with Rural Metro Ambulance Service in Baltimore and for Flight Air Ambulance in Clearwater, FL as a nurse/flight paramedic. She is seriously considering moving to the Clearwater or Tampa/St. Petersburg areas to work as a flight nurse full time doing mostly international transports.

1992

WILLIAM HALAGARDA
is teaching high school math at Patapsco High School and Center for the Arts in Dundalk, MD, where he is also the head varsity lacrosse coach. Bill bought a house in the Perry Hall area of Baltimore County.

DAVE SNYDER
works for Catholic Relief Services (the world's second-largest international relief organization) in Baltimore, MD. He writes and designs the organization's newsletters, and last March traveled to East Africa to visit the Villa Maria Hospital in Uganda, whose work is supported by CRS. After graduating with a degree in English, Dave earned a master's degree in professional writing from Towson University.

1993

CAROLYN ATHEY
is doing development work for a hospital foundation in New Jersey. At Reunion, she shared the news of her engagement to Kevin Harms '97.

SALLY L. HAYNESWORTH
has been a store manager with Bath & Body Works for three years, and now manages the Dover Mall location in Delaware. She is engaged to marry Jeffrey Grafton '94.

PETER JONS
is working as a consultant for Booz Allen and Hamilton. Peter is excited about the change of careers from research to consulting. He and Adriane Beane '92 are engaged to be married on September 5, 1998.

ARI KODECK
is an attorney in Baltimore practicing with a small litigation firm.

DAN KRETZER,
the self-described "biggest soccer fan in the world," recently traveled to England to attend several games of the Old Downactonberryshire Provincials, his favorite team in the Chutney Division. He has worked on the Major League Soccer PR campaign and says it's just a matter of time before the slide-tackling action of MLS overtakes pro football.

CHRIS MIHAVETZ
has been promoted to deputy chief vice president for management at his father's company, Dynotechnotron, in Laurel, MD. Chris is active in club lacrosse and is considering a run for local office.

DANA THURSTON
is engaged to John Evans of Lyme, CT. An October wedding is planned.

JENNIFER RUPPERT WINTERS
and husband Jim are enjoying living in Florida. Jennifer resigned from her job as a public relations officer at the Polk Museum of Art to stay at home with her son, Ashton James Winters.

These alumni spent Valentine's Day at Washington College with their first true love—basketball. Pictured are: (front row) Kurt Keller '86 and Andy Bauer '89; (second row) Adam Poe '96 and Tim Keehan '90; (back row) Scott Spurrier '84, Chris Brandt '90 and Wayne Spurrier '84.

1994

CHANDEV W. ABHAYARATNE
has been working as financial controller for a hydropower development company in Sri Lanka. In January, he joined his family's firm, Fentons Ltd., a leading electrical, electronic and telecommunications company based in Colombo, Sri Lanka. It was founded in 1921 by his grandfather and a British engineer. He was married in August 1996 to Prithiva, a graduate of York College, PA.

BRUCE ALEXANDER
is working as the staff assistant to President John Toll at Washington College. Bruce has also been elected to the board of directors of Crossroads Community Foundation and the Kent County Historical Trust. Last summer Bruce took a leave of absence from Washington College to study architecture and historic preservation at Kiplin Hall, ancestral home of Lord Baltimore in Yorkshire, England.

EMILIO BOGADO
reports that he and some other former WC tennis team members are planning a trip to Mexico for Carlos Nuno-Langre's '94 wedding on August 22, 1998. Other attendees will be Andrew Bohuntinsky '92, Deepak Raja '95, Trevor Hurd '93, J. Rexford '92, Alberto Diaz '93, Scott Read '91, and Stephen Berger '95.

SASHI FERNANDO
is a client liaison manager for an

Almost half of the 50-some alumni rugby players returned to Chestertown in April for the third annual Student-Alumni Rugby Challenge, with the alumni team (in light jerseys) chalking up a decisive 26-12 victory. Alumni pictured are: (front row, l to r) Reuben Stump '96, Dano Kretzer '93, Slammer Gessner '93, Seth Engel '93, Bill Halagara '92, Christopher Mihavetz '93, and Paul O'Hearn '97; (middle row) Greg Walter '97, John Paine '96, and Pat Oplinger '95; and (back row) Steve Heuttner '91, Josh Lawrence '97, Dave Snyder '92, Eric Bach '91, Brian O'Leary '93, Nate Harned '94, and Tad Kelly '96. Not pictured: Ruwanga Dassanayake '96. Noticeably absent: John O'Hearn '96, Paul Smail '97, Devon Brown '97, and Chris Kennedy '96.

international communications conglomerate, Hutchison Telecom, in Sri Lanka. She is in the field of advertising, marketing communications, public relations and customer relations, and enjoys her work very much. She was married on June 19, 1997 to Kosala Loijesena, who is an accountant.

DR. MICHAEL FREY
was graduated from Ross University School of Medicine in May 1997. He is a surgical resident at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, NJ. He is also a review editor for Appleton and Lang Publishers.

JEFFREY GRAFTON
works as a financial analyst for MBNA Hallmark Information Services in Newark, DE, and is pursuing an MBA from Goldey-Beacom College. He is engaged to Sally L. Haynsworth '93. For Washington College, he serves as the 1990s decade representative on the President's Circle, is the alumni adviser to Kappa Alpha, and is the president of WC's Kappa Alpha Alumni Chapter. Any alumni interested in becoming active in the KA Alumni Chapter should call him at 410-348-2057.

NATHAN HARNED
lives in Rock Hall, MD, where he works as a floor technician for a seafood company and spends his free time trying to break into the community theater scene. Audiences may remember him as "Fellini" in the Worton Players' production of Sweeney Todd, which ran for three weeks last fall.

ESHANI RUWANPURA
is working at the Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies in Sri Lanka where she deals with people internally displaced as a result of the ethnic conflict. She is writing her thesis for a master's program in applied psychology at the University of Colombo. She reports she is "still single and free and enjoying life!"

MICHELLE VAN DER NAT
is working as an independent artist and having much success in the Baltimore marketplace. She is also working as a Bloodstock agent in her family's thoroughbred racehorse business.

1995

JAY DERBIS
was graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame Law School in May, and for the immediate future will continue working on the staff of an Independent Counsel federal criminal investigation in Washington, DC, where he has been working for the past year while in school. Jay can be reached at (410) 277-0610.

ILAINE GOLDSMITH
is earning her C.A.G.S. degree in the School of Psychology at Rhode Island College while working part-time at KPMG Peat Marwick.

PATRICK OPLINGER
is a ski technician in Beaver Creek, CO. Patrick writes, "I would like to extend my extreme gratitude to the Washington College Rugby Football Club for having the alumni back on April 18, 1998. It was great to see old friends and to play one more time. Same time next year? Well, one last thought as I wish everyone well on their life's journeys: It's not so much the moments that are golden, but the friends you share them with. See you out there on the Hill!!"

1996

KRISSIE CALLAHAN
has relocated with her boyfriend Trevor to Charlotte, NC, where she has accepted an executive marketing position with the Steritech Group, an East Coast environmental services firm.

RADESH DALUWATTE
is working for Singapore Technologies as a marketing executive in the company's international projects team. His responsibilities include spearheading the sales and marketing in Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Mauritius.

RUWANGA DASSANAYAKE
is a regional production manager at Gloria Vanderbilt Apparel Corp. He also is the fabric sourcing manager for the company.

NILOOKI DE MEL
is a regional production manager for Sri Lanka at Gloria Vanderbilt Apparel Corp. in New York. She frequently travels to Sri Lanka to oversee all aspects of apparel production.

DINUKH FERNANDO
works for Shell Gas Lanka Limited, a subsidiary of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group in Sri Lanka, as a personnel advisor.

NIROSHA HERATH
worked as a branch administra-

tive assistant at Crestar Bank in Bethesda, MD, before returning to Sri Lanka. He is now setting up his own business.

RAVI SANJEEVA JAYATILEKE
is employed by the Sri Lankan government, attached to the Southern Development Authority. His work is related to project evaluations and monitoring micro-industries being established in the southern region of the country. He returned to Sri Lanka last summer after working as an administrative assistant at Delmarva Sash & Door in Barclay, MD.

JOHN O'HEARN
is living in Key West, FL, and works for the Salt Water Anglers company. He reports "I have had sun poisoning more times than I can count." Megan Knight, Miss Hawaiian Tropic '96, is his landlord and poolside pal. John wishes all to know that he is "truly living in Paradise."

F. TABER OVERALL
is working as an education payment counselor at Tuition Management Systems in Newport, RI, and is still rowing for Narragansett Boat Club in East Providence. He was happy to see the women at the Head of the Charles in the fall of '97.

JILL SCHULTZ
has been selected as managing editor of the Washington and Lee Law Review for her third year and the current board has selected her 60-page Note for publication. She has been chosen as a law clerk in a Federal District Court for Judge Robert Goodwin in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. This summer she is working for Piper & Marbury in Baltimore.

1997

JENNIFER BIONDI
is engaged to marry Jake Navarro of Ottawa, IL, in May 1999. Jennifer is employed in the Development Offices of the Stroud Water Research Center, doing fundraising and event planning and the Upland Country Day School, doing publications and alumni relations.

DEVON BROWN
has taken a position with McCann-Erickson, an international advertising agency at their headquarters in Washington, DC. Devon is working in the division whose clients include USAir.

RESHANI DHARMADASA
was married in May and is planning to start a business in international trading.

ABBY R. MOSS
is living in San Diego, CA, and is very excited to announce her engagement to Jose Luis Lepe-Suastegui, whom she met while studying abroad in Brazil. She is manager of The Body Shop and is pursuing a career in makeup artistry for film. Abby and Jose started their own film production company, called Border Image Productions. She says any WC alumni in the area should look her up. Abby may be e-mailed at mariposa24@juno.com.

PAUL O'HEARN
has relocated to Chestertown, MD, where he has taken a job at Washington College. Paul enjoys hanging out with his roommate Dave Johnson '96. He says "Hi" to all his fellow alum friends and wishes to offer everyone out there a heaping handful of his fresh homemade pulled taffy. "It's that good!"

IN MEMORIAM

Hilmah Shirley Touchton Goodrich '26 died on February 18, 1998 in Burlington, VT. She was buried in Calvert Cemetery in Zion, MD. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Nancy R. Goodrich of Burlington, VT, three granddaughters, and seven great-grandchildren.

B. Lyle Appleford '29, a former Naval intelligence officer and a retired finance attorney, died on March 29, 1998 in Bradenton, FL. He spent his business career in New York City, retiring in 1968, after 30 years of service, as vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank. He earned his law degree from Fordham University and studied banking and finance at New Y ork University School of Business Administration. An active alumnus, Lyle was past president of the WC Alumni Council. He is survived by his wife, Martha Price Smith, two stepdaughters, and three sisters.

Judith Fairchild-Fue '43, a poet and animal lover, died on May 29, 1997 in Santa Barbara, CA, of Alzheimer's disease. She was a Girl Scout leader and an early teacher of docents at the Santa Barbara Zoo. She also was employed by the Santa Barbara News Press. After her two children were grown she traveled with her husband and they photographed wildlife in many areas of the world, including all the continents and both polar regions. She is survived by her husband, Harold, her two children, and two brothers.

Mary Nardi Zimmerman '43 died on October 31, 1996 in Millville, NJ, after a heart operation. She is survived by her husband, Claude, her daughter Bonnie, two grandsons, two sisters and a brother.

Mary Ann Russell Warfield '47, a retired juvenile counselor for the State of Maryland, died in her Baltimore home on April 1, 1998. A native of Chestertown, she is survived by four children, a sister, and three grandchildren.

Robert C. Brenizer '50 died on January 21, 1998 in Perryville, MD. A veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII, he worked for the State Department in Hong Kong and later worked for Armco Steel in Baltimore. Active as an undergraduate, he was a member of the Forensic Society, Lambda Chi Alpha, ODK Honor Society, and Inter-Fraternity Council. A two-time class president, he also belonged to the Mt. Vernon Literary Society and the Washington Players, was an editor of the Elm, and was included in *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. He is survived by two second cousins in California.

Dorothy Kelm Land '55 died on October 16, 1997 in Heathsville, VA.

William Holgate Phillips '55, of Saginaw, MI, died of cancer on April 7, 1998. After working as a secondary school science teacher for five years, he joined the Trippensee Planetarium Company, which he and his wife Betty subsequently purchased. He was president of Trippensee Corporation from 1965 until his death. In addition to his wife of 41 years, he is survived by a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Treasuring Our Own Part in College History

BY EDWARD GEISWEIDT '98

Fellow graduates of the class of 1998: I'm not standing up here today to lecture you on your future. Who better knows your future than you do yourself. What I want to do today is tell you about your past. This year afforded me a rare opportunity that has changed the way I look at Washington College. In the beginning of the year, Jen Ward asked me to compile headlines from past issues of the *Elm* for a column in the *Collegian*. In doing so, I explored College history from the students' point of view. After spending several months in this intensely engaging research, I have drawn one indisputable conclusion. And in case any of you might still be skeptics about this place, let me assure you: Washington College is a fascinating institution.

Throughout this past year, I had several conversations with different seniors about how much Washington College has changed in our four years here. Mainly we complained about how the freshman were not experiencing the College exactly as we did when we enrolled. We'd exclaim with considerable bitterness: "The freshmen don't know that that new dorm is not supposed to be there! They don't know that there is supposed to be a walkway where that long stretch of grass tries to blend inconspicuously with the rest of the lawn! They don't know that the dining hall used to serve Tombstone pizza for lunch! They don't know about freshman common seminar! They don't know about arena registration!" Of course it seems petty to gripe about the insignificant changes in our College, but to us it was a pity to see the familiar things change.

I wonder how students of the past would complain about what we here today do not know about Washington College. They'd probably say: "The class of 1998 doesn't know that faculty members used to live in Middle Hall. They don't know that a beautiful gymnasium used to stand right where that library is. They don't know we had to heat our rooms with coal stoves and our own coal. They don't know that we had to buy our own blue books. They don't know about the Flying Pentagon. Or that the sculptor who gave us that statue of George Washington has another famous statue at Rockefeller Center. They don't know that some of these professors used to be young—that some of these administrators are older than the students think!" I'm glad that these are alums saying these things through me, and it's not actually me saying this!

But really, how could our college experience live up to the expectations of 200 years of students if they demanded that our Washington College be the same as theirs? Of this College's history, the duration of our four years here constitutes only 1.85 percent and diminishing. If we think about it, in an institution of such a daunting historical background—and a college characterized by continual change—how can we feel our four short years here really mattered to this place? From a student's perspective, in just four more years this institution will be a very changed place. What lasting impression can we claim to have made? We cannot all be Linda Hamiltons, or Benjamin T. Hinkles. After we are gone, generation after generation of WAC enthusiasts will continue to create history here. Like us, they will be honor seekers, ghost hunters, crusaders of justice and equality, "apathetic," and alive, very much alive. To them, their Washington College will be the only Washington College there ever was.

It is difficult to come up with a solution to the dilemma which I hope I am not alone in experiencing: that is, claiming some significant contribution we've made while still preserving the College we know. One thing we can say for ourselves is very soon William Smith Hall will never again be like the Bill Smith we studied in, and a scroll displayed in the renovated building will attest to our partial responsibility for that. But how do we honor that sense of nostalgia which began to grow in many of us after just one semester here? And furthermore, how can we honor Washington College in a way that values its rich 216-year history?

The only very corny suggestion I can come up with is: remember your four years here at Washington College. It seems like an insignificant thing to ask, but it is important. Place your memories in an historic trust. They truly are treasures to this College. Your memories are of a time unlike any before or any hereafter at Washington College. This may sound a little dramatic to the long-time members of the College community, for I have also noticed how many things in the College's history do not change. But perhaps it takes a student's brief association with this place to understand the fleeting, little details of Washington College. So Class of 1998—remember Washington College as only you can. You do not have to be a Dutch Dumschott and publish a whole book on WC, but you are, in fact, as vital to this institution's history as it is to your own personal histories. So remember your time here. Your memories are an invaluable contribution, to preserving the history...of Washington College.

As Senior Class Speaker, Edward Geisweidt '98 presented the text above to his fellow classmates at Commencement.

June 26
Baltimore Alumni Chapter Scholarship Golf Tournament at Wakefield Valley Golf Club, Westminster, MD, 11 a.m.

July 12
Baltimore Alumni Family Picnic at Ladew Topiary Gardens, Monkton, MD, featuring THE PACE SETTERS, "a steel band with a Jimmy Buffet-like sound, stilt-walkers and fire-eaters." 5 p.m.

August 30
Reopening of William Smith Hall, 4 p.m.

September 12
Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter Flea Market, WC Campus Lawn, 9 a.m.

October 2
8th Annual WC Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament at Chester River Yacht and Country Club, Chestertown, 11 a.m.

October 3
Alumni Athletic Games
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies

October 10
Alumni Gala Dinner Dance featuring "Bobby and the Braggers!"
Old South County Club, Lothian, MD.

October 18
Washington College Concert Series presents Le Trio Gershwin, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 4 p.m.

October 24
Student and Alumni Homecoming and Parents' Day. Activities include: Reunion of Alumni in Education; Lacrosse Clinic for alumni families (athletes in 3rd through 8th grades), SGA parade, athletic contests, and the Sho'men Club Bull Roast.

May 21-23
Mark your calendars now for Alumni Reunion/Commencement 1999.

Campaign Kick-Off

After months of laying the groundwork, Washington College is launching the public phase of its $65 million CAMPAIGN FOR WASHINGTON'S COLLEGE six months ahead of schedule. The Campaign Kickoff celebration includes:

September 18

- Meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors
- Fall Convocation featuring Richard Norton Smith, George Washington scholar and author of *Patriarch*, 3:30 p.m., Tawes Theatre.
- Art Exhibit Opening, Gibson Performing Arts Center, Tawes Gallery, 5 p.m.

September 19

- Meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors
- Alumni Council Retreat
- Virginia Decker Arboretum Dedication, 11:30 a.m.
- Kick-off Luncheon, 12:30 p.m.
- Schottland Tennis Center Dedication, 3:30 pm.
- Candlelight Tour of Chestertown, 6 p.m.

For a monthly calendar of events, contact the Special Events Coordinator at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7849.
For Athletic Info: dial ext. 7238.
For Alumni Info: dial ext. 7812.
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meet Charles L. Lea, Jr.

PHOTO MARK SWISHER

As part of the Development Committee, Charlie Lea is working to raise funds to support the College's Strategic Plan.

PROFESSION:
One of the founders of the modern venture capital business, Mr. Lea is a retired managing director of the New York-based Dillon Read & Co. His accomplishments have earned him recognition in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*, and *Who's Who in Venture Capital*.

HOME:
Baltimore and Queenstown, Maryland

GIVING LEVEL:
Alonzo G. Decker, Jr. Society of The 1782 Society

PROFILE:
A member of the Board of Visitors and Governors, Charlie devotes time and talent to the Development Committee. His low-key temperament exemplifies the focused, can-do spirit and attitude that are energizing Washington College today. As a graduate of St. Paul's School in Baltimore and Cornell University, he is deeply committed to both institutions. His initial involvement with Washington College was as a member of the President's Advisory Council. Charlie and his wife Kathleen keep a weekend home near Queenstown, where he enjoys golf and sailing.

ON GIVING:
"Kathleen and I have been blessed in many ways. We give to those causes that interest us and that meet a high standard. As a venture capitalist I have seen many speculative ventures that don't pan out for lack of vision. energy, or management. All of these exist in abundance at Washington College. What I like about Washington College—and why I am an enthusiastic supporter—is its rich heritage as "Washington's College" and its excellent management under President Toll. Dr. Toll has inspired a strategic plan to lift the College to new levels of quality and distinction. I am deeply impressed with what this institution has accomplished. I truly believe it is on the verge of greatness as one of America's finest small colleges of the liberal arts and sciences."